

# 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

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# City of Lauderhill

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# **Executive Summary**

## ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

The City of Lauderhill, Florida, receives an annual entitlement allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitlement cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing safe, decent, and affordable housing; suitable living environments; and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.

To receive these funds, the City is required to complete its 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and first-year PY 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) as required by HUD. The Consolidated Plan serves as a planning document meeting the federal government statutory requirements in 24 CFR 91.200-91.230, for preparing a Consolidated Plan and guiding the use of CDBG funding based on applications to HUD. The first-year PY 2025 AAP, and subsequent AAPs, are a subset of the Strategic Plan addressing the overall goals of the plan for each program year of the five-year Consolidated Plan. PY 2025 begins on October 1, 2025, and ends on September 30, 2026.

The City is a member of the Broward County HOME Consortium and receives HOME Investment Partnerships funds through the HOME Consortium. The HOME program is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for LMI households. The grant funds a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership, or providing direct rental assistance. Through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), the City receives HOME Program funding on an annual basis. These funds are not programmed in this AAP as the City is not a direct recipient of HOME funds from HUD.

# 2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The City has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in the Needs Assessment, the Market Analysis of the Consolidated Plan, and the community participation and stakeholder consultation process. Through these efforts, the City has identified five (5) priority needs and associated goals to address these needs. Over the 5-Year plan period, the City will work to accomplish the following outcomes, which are listed by Priority Need.

#### **Priority Need: Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements**

Goal - 1A Provide Supportive Services for LMI & Special Need

Deliver targeted public services that improve daily life for low- and moderate-income residents, especially seniors, through programs such as transportation assistance, health and wellness services, and adult day care.

#### **Priority Need: Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure**

Goal - 2A Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure

Invest in the construction, expansion, or rehabilitation of community facilities and public infrastructure such as sidewalks, street lighting, water and sewer systems, and ADA improvements, within low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to enhance safety, accessibility, and overall quality of life.

#### **Priority Need: Economic Development Opportunities**

Goal - 3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance

Support economic development by funding small business assistance programs, including grants, loans, and technical support, to help businesses start, grow, or retain jobs. Emphasis will be placed on businesses that create or retain jobs for low- and moderate-income residents.

#### **Priority Need: Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing**

Goal - 4A Affordable Housing Preservation

Preserve affordable housing through direct assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners for necessary repairs and rehabilitation, including interior and exterior improvements that promote safety, habitability, and energy efficiency.

#### **Priority Need: Effective Program Management**

Goal - 5A Effective Program Management

Effective program management will include general administration of HUD grant programs, monitoring subrecipients, and keeping strict grant-based accounting. Comprehensive planning requirements will include the development of AAPs, an evaluation of the performance of the programs through annual reports, and meeting citizen participation requirements.

#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Lauderhill, in collaboration with public, private, and nonprofit housing and service agencies, continued its commitment to providing safe, decent, and affordable housing and a suitable living environment for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents and those with special needs. While meaningful progress has been made, the need for essential public services, improvements to public facilities, and economic development remains a priority, as reaffirmed in the current Consolidated Plan and the most recent 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER evaluates progress toward the goals outlined in both the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and the annual objectives of the Program Year 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP), covering the period from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The following highlights the City's accomplishments by priority need:

#### **Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements:**

The City implemented multiple public facility improvements that served an estimated 72,915 LMI residents citywide. Key projects included the installation of playground equipment at Wolk Park, lighting

upgrades at West Wind Field, turf installation at Veterans Park Field, and a canopy installation at West Ken Lark. Each activity was designed to improve accessibility, safety, and recreational access in underserved neighborhoods. While the City has already exceeded its annual goal for public facility improvements, continued investment will be necessary to meet the cumulative five-year targets by the end of the Consolidated Plan period.

#### **Public Services:**

The City completed a youth enrichment program from the previous year, providing services to 21 LMI youth through the A Goodman for Kids program. This activity included structured enrichment offerings aimed at enhancing quality of life and personal development. Although public service accomplishments remain below the overall five-year goal, the City remains committed to expanding service delivery in future program years to close the gap.

#### **Affordable Housing Preservation:**

The City assisted 2 extremely low-income households with homeowner rehabilitation activities focused on preserving affordable housing. These efforts included critical repairs, appliance replacements, and remediation of deferred maintenance. The program prioritizes elderly LMI homeowners and is supported by both CDBG and leveraged funding from SHIP and HOME sources. While progress has been slower than anticipated, the City continues to prioritize housing rehab and expects to accelerate efforts in upcoming years to remain aligned with its long-term goals.

#### **CARES Act Activities and Accomplishments:**

While all CDBG-CV funds were fully expended in the prior program year (PY 2022), the City continues to monitor pandemic-related impacts on LMI households and remains prepared to address ongoing needs through regular CDBG Entitlement funds. Past CDBG-CV accomplishments included providing PPE to neighborhood facilities and delivering mortgage and rental assistance to 50 small businesses to help sustain operations during COVID-19.

## 4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City has adopted its HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as per 24 CFR 91.105, which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan and first-year 2025 AAP. The CPP provides guidance for public notices for the various stages of Consolidated Plan development, public hearings, and the public review of the proposed plan. Details of the City's outreach efforts are provided below:

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: The City held a public meeting on TBD at TBD with citizens and community stakeholders to present background information on the grant programs, solicit feedback, give citizens an opportunity to take surveys, and provide answers to general questions about the program:

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: A public hearing will be held during the development of the 2025 – 2029 ConPlan and 2025 AAP to gather feedback from the community on proposed uses of the funds. The public hearing will be held on **June 23, 2025, at 6:00PM**.. The public hearing will be held at City of Lauderhill City Hall located

at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd, Commission Chambers, Lauderhill, FL 33313. All interested parties are encouraged to attend to offer comments on the proposed ConPlan and AAP.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:</u> The draft of the ConPlan and AAP will be available for public comment between **June 24, 2025**, and **July 24, 2025**. The draft will be available at the City of Lauderhill City Hall, Grants Division located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM. Written comments regarding the program and activities that will be funded may be made to Kenyatta Huntley, Assistant Grants Administrator, by mail at City of Lauderhill, 5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill, FL 33313, email: LauderhillCARES@lauderhill-fl.gov, or fax: 954-730-3025.

#### **COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS:**

Community Survey Link: The City held a community survey online, in partnership with Broward County, to gather public input on the housing and community development priority needs in the City of Lauderhill. The link to the survey can be found at: <a href="https://www.research.net/r/Broward-Community">https://www.research.net/r/Broward-Community</a> or <a href="https://www.research.net/r/Lauderhill-Community">https://www.research.net/r/Lauderhill-Community</a>

Stakeholder Survey Link: The City held a stakeholder survey online, in partnership with Broward County, to gather public input on the housing and community development priority needs in the City of Lauderhill. The link to the survey can be found at: <a href="https://www.research.net/r/Broward-Stakeholder">https://www.research.net/r/Broward-Stakeholder</a>

Details of citizen participation outreach for the Consolidated Plan and PY 2025 AAP are also located in the PR-15.

#### 5. Summary of public comments

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A summary of comments will be included after the comment period.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> A summary of comments will be included after the public hearing.

<u>COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS:</u> A summary of comments will be included after the citizen participation process.

All comments and views will be accepted at the public hearing and public comment period review process. A summary of outreach efforts is located in the PR-15 Participation.

#### 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments or views were accepted at the public hearing and public comment period.

#### 7. Summary

The City of Lauderhill is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for residents to participate in the planning and development of housing and community development activities. The City's Community Development Department serves as the primary resource for residents seeking affordable housing,

human services, and related assistance. The City also coordinates with the Broward County Housing Authority and other public and nonprofit partners to increase the impact of federal and state funding on low- and moderate-income residents.

The City regularly engages the public and stakeholders through pre-development meetings, public hearings, and outreach events. These efforts are designed to inform residents of available programs, gather community input, and ensure that the City's priorities reflect the needs of its most vulnerable populations. For the 2025 AAP, the City held community meetings, public hearings, and conducted a 30-day comment period to guide project selection and funding decisions.

The Consolidated Plan includes a housing and community needs assessment, a Strategic Plan, and Annual Action Plans that describe how federal resources will be used each year to meet identified goals. The PY 2025 AAP will be the first of five annual plans aligned with the new 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. At the close of each program year, the City will report on accomplishments and evaluate performance through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

In addition to data from the American Community Survey, HUD datasets, and other local sources, the City relies on community engagement to shape priorities. As a member of the Broward County HOME Consortium, the City's planning is also informed by countywide housing needs, CHAS data, and input from the Public Housing Authority and Broward County Continuum of Care.

## The Process

## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

 Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency	
CDBG Administrator LAUDERHILL		Finance Department/City of Lauderhill	

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

#### Narrative

The City of Lauderhill's Finance Department - Grants Division is the lead agency and is responsible for HUD entitlement grant CDBG. The Grants Division is also responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The City also receives HOME funds that help to further community development and affordable housing through the Broward County HOME Consortium. The Grants Division administers all grant funds received. These funds are not programmed in this AAP as the City is not a direct recipient of HOME funds from HUD.

During the preparation of the Consolidated Plan and first year Annual Action Plan, the City solicited input from other governmental agencies as well as various public and private agencies providing housing, social services, and other community development activities within the community. The City will continue to form new partnerships with non-profit organizations, the private sector, and other local resources.

#### **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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# PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

#### 1. Introduction

The City of Lauderhill conducts extensive outreach to local organizations, the public, and elected officials to solicit input for the drafting and development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and PY 2025 AAP. This section discusses coordination between the City and its partners and lists the agencies and organizations that consulted and/or provided input in the development of the plan. The City collaborates with a wide range of community stakeholders, including private and nonprofit service providers, advocacy agencies, housing developers, and other key partners who play an instrumental role in addressing the needs of Lauderhill's residents.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

The City of Lauderhill promotes strong coordination among public and assisted housing providers, private organizations, and governmental health, mental health, and social service agencies to meet the needs of its low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents. The City consults with both the Broward County and Lauderhill Housing Authorities regarding public housing needs and planned activities. These agencies receive information about the City's proposed use of CDBG funds, particularly where it may affect public housing residents, allowing them to share relevant details at annual public hearings. Lauderhill also encourages participation from residents of public and assisted housing, as well as LMI individuals in targeted revitalization areas.

Through its Grants Division, Lauderhill administers federal and state housing programs, including CDBG, SHIP, and HOME (via the Broward County HOME Consortium). As a Consortium member, the City receives an annual HOME allocation to support affordable housing programs such as purchase assistance and tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA). Broward County serves as the lead agency and coordinates a regional strategy for addressing the needs of individuals and families who are homeless, mentally ill, or living with HIV. Lauderhill collaborates with the County on this strategy while maintaining its own Annual Action Plan submission to HUD as a CDBG entitlement jurisdiction.

The City uses its CDBG allocation to fund public services for LMI populations, including youth enrichment, elderly assistance, and homelessness prevention. Public facility improvements in low/mod areas—such as park upgrades and stormwater enhancements—are also prioritized to enhance quality of life and build long-term resilience.

Lauderhill actively participates in the Broward County Continuum of Care (CoC), led by the Homeless Initiative Partnership. Although Lauderhill does not receive ESG funds directly, the City collaborates with CoC agencies to connect residents to coordinated entry, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and eviction

prevention services. City staff attend monthly CoC meetings and support the use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to improve service coordination and data tracking.

To bridge the digital divide, the City coordinates broadband access and public Wi-Fi infrastructure through multiple service providers. According to the Federal Communications Commission, Lauderhill has four or more broadband providers and 30 registered antenna towers. These resources are critical for ensuring that LMI households can access employment tools, virtual education, and healthcare.

The City's Division of Emergency Management (DOEM) leads local preparedness and resilience efforts in alignment with FEMA's disaster management cycle. Lauderhill is developing a Stormwater Management and Flood Protection Master Plan and a Vulnerability Assessment Plan, ensuring that future infrastructure projects address climate risks and protect critical community assets.

Lauderhill continues to work collaboratively with public, nonprofit, and private sector partners to expand affordable housing options, strengthen infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods, and support the health, safety, and stability of its residents.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (CoC) facilitates the response to all issues regarding homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless countywide. Monthly meetings are held in conjunction with the Broward County HOME Consortium meeting to discuss and collaborate on planning activities that will reduce homelessness and prevent those at risk from becoming homeless. A representative from the City of Lauderhill attends the meetings on a monthly basis. Members of the CoC assist in gathering data and approving reports regarding the needs of the homeless in Broward County.

The CoC Program supports countywide homeless needs to:

- Expand public/private partnerships;
- Expand network of social service providers and volunteers;
- Expand supportive services;
- Prevent homelessness through effective discharge planning;
- Maintain affordable, transitional, and supportive housing;
- Increase income of homeless persons; and
- Improve data collection.

The City will continue to take an active role in the discussions and initiatives set forth by the CoC to address the needs of its homeless population.

The CoC utilizes the Coordinated Entry Assessment System process, which helps to coordinate target homeless groups with housing and community resources. These groups include chronically Homeless Households; children and families; unaccompanied youth ages 18-24; veterans and their families; and atrisk and difficult to serve Individuals who are not chronic. The Coordinated Entry Assessment System helps to prevent these groups from becoming homeless or return to homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

See above. The City of Lauderhill does not receive ESG funding. However, the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (CoC) facilitates all issues regarding emergency shelter county-wide. Monthly meeting are held in conjunction with the Broward County HOME Consortium meeting to discuss and collaborate on planning activities that will reduce homelessness and prevent those at risk from becoming homeless. A representative from the City of Lauderhill attends the meetings on a monthly basis. Members of the CoC assist in gathering data and approving reports regarding the needs of the homeless in Broward County.

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The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based software application used to collect demographic information and report service outcomes on people experiencing homelessness served in the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership CoC area. HMIS enables homeless service providers to collect uniform client information over time. This system is part of an essential effort to streamline client services, inform public policy decision-makers, improve coordination of services among providers of housing and services to homeless clients, inform advocacy efforts, and assist the CoC in establishing policies that result in targeted services to reduce the time persons experience homelessness. Analysis of information gathered through HMIS is critical to accurately calculate the size, characteristics, and needs of homeless populations. The data collected is necessary to service and systems planning, and advocacy. The CoC uses the ServicePoint software as it's official HMIS software and authorized users can access this system online to make updates and improvements to the information available. The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership provides HMIS training for any agency that has been entered into the HMIS End User Agreement.

and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lauderhill		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - Local  Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?			
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City Finance Department Grants Division is the lead agency of the Consolidated Plan.		
2	Agency/Group/Organization	BROWARD COUNTY		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - County		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment		
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Broward County is the lead for the Broward County HOME Consortium. The City is a member of the Consortium.		
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Continuum of Care		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy		
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Homeless Initiative Partnership is the local Continuum of Care in the region. The City consults the CoC for information and initiatives of the CoC.		

4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lauderhill Division of Emergency Management (DOEM)		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Grantee Department		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Hazard Mitigation		
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Emergency Management (DOEM) is the unit responsible for Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness for the City of Lauderhill.  DOEM goals align with the DHS/FEMA Disaster Preparedness cycle. This mindset towards Disaster Management guarantees a proactive approach to addressing all hazards.		
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Federal Communications Commission Fixed Broadband Deployment		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Narrowing the digital divide		
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To discuss, purchase, implement and negotiate or revamp everything from cellular contracts, landline contracts, public WIFI, hotspots, fiber-optics implementation, broadband access, etc. Also, according to the Federal Communications  Commission Fixed Broadband Deployment, the City of Lauderhill currently has four (4) or more residential broadband providers including but not limited to Comcast, AT&T, T-Mobile, and ViaSat, Inc. Currently, the City of Lauderhill 30 FCC registered antenna towers in Lauderhill.		
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Emergency Management Commission		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - State Other government - Local		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Resilience		

How was the	The City of Lauderhill is developing a Stormwater
Agency/Group/Organization consulted	Management and Flood Protection Master Plan
and what are the anticipated outcomes	(SMFPMP) for evaluating drainage conditions within
of the consultation or areas for	the five basins of the City. The Lauderhill Vulnerability
improved coordination?	Assessment Plan will expand the SMFPMP to meet
	the requirements of s. 380.093(3)(c), F.S. and include
	the entire City and all critical assets thereof.

#### Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

No organizations were intentionally left out of the public participation process. All comments and views were accepted and welcomed.

#### Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan		
		overlap with the goals of each plan?		
Continuum of Care	Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership	The Broward County Homeless Initiative		
		Partnership is the Continuum of Care in		
		Broward County. The City refers to and		
		collaborates with the CoC for homeless		
		needs in Lauderhill.		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

# Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

In developing the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the Program Year 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), the City of Lauderhill consulted with multiple City departments, public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and regional partners to ensure a coordinated approach to addressing housing, homelessness, and community development needs. These consultations helped align federal and state resources with the City's priorities for serving low- and moderate-income residents.

The City of Lauderhill works closely with Broward County on the Consolidated Plan. The city is an annual recipient of HOME funds from the Broward County HOME Consortium which distributes funds to member cities to develop and maintain affordable housing in the region. The City also works with the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership, which is the lead in the Continuum of Care, helping homeless persons in the region. The City departments maintain open lines of communication to determine community development needs as well as emergency preparedness planning.

Lauderhill remains committed to strengthening partnerships with Broward County agencies, service providers, and local stakeholders to address shared challenges and improve outcomes for residents.

# PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City of Lauderhill has adopted its HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as per 24 CFR 91.105, which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation of the Consolidated Plan and first year 2025 AAP. The CPP provides details about the public notice requirements for all meetings and the various stages of Consolidated Plan development, public hearings before the citizens of the City and City Council, accommodations for persons with disabilities, and the conduct of public review of draft documents. Adhering closely to the CPP, the City held a public comment period and public hearing. Details of these outreach efforts are provided in the table below.

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# **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of	URL
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	comments not	
					accepted	
					and reasons	
1	Community	Non-	The City held a public meeting on TBD at TBD with	A summary of comments	All comments	NA
	Meetings	targeted/broad	citizens and community stakeholders to present	will be provided.	will be	
		community	background information on the grant programs,		accepted.	
			solicit feedback, give citizens an opportunity to take surveys, and provide answers to general questions			
			about the program.			
2	Public	Non-	A public hearing will be held during the development	A summary of comments	All comments	NA
	Hearing	targeted/broad	of the 2025 – 2029 ConPlan and 2025 AAP to gather	will be provided after the	will be	
		community	feedback from the community on proposed uses of	hearing.	accepted.	
			the funds. The public hearing will be held on June 23,			
			<b>2025, at 6:00PM</b> . The public hearing will be held at			
			City of Lauderhill City Hall located at 5581 West			
			Oakland Park Blvd, Commission Chambers, Lauderhill,			
			FL 33313. All interested parties are encouraged to			
			attend to offer comments on the proposed ConPlan			
			and AAP.			

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Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	comments not	
					accepted	
					and reasons	
3	Public	Non-	The draft of the ConPlan and AAP will be available for	A summary of comments	All comments	See Link
	Comment	targeted/broad	public comment between June 24, 2025, and July 24,	will be provided at the	will be	
		community	<b>2025.</b> The draft will be available at the City of	conclusion of the	accepted.	
			Lauderhill City Hall, Grants Division located at 5581	comment period.		
			West Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313,			
			Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30			
			AM and 5:00 PM. Written comments regarding the			
			program and activities that will be funded may be			
			made to Kenyatta Huntley, Assistant Grants			
			Administrator, by mail at City of Lauderhill, 5581 West			
			Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill, FL 33313, email:			
			LauderhillCARES@lauderhill-fl.gov, or fax: 954-730-			
			3025.			
4	Community	Non-	The City held a community survey online, in	A summary of comments	All comments	See Link
	Survey	targeted/broad	partnership with Broward County, to gather public	will be provided after the	were accepted.	
		community	input on the housing and community development	community participation		
			priority needs in the City of Lauderhill.	process.		
			The link to the survey can be found at:			
			https://www.research.net/r/Broward-Community or			
			https://www.research.net/r/Lauderhill-Community			
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Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of	URL
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	comments not	
					accepted	
					and reasons	
5	Stakeholder	Non-	The City held a stakeholder survey online, in	A summary of comments	All comments	See Link
	Survey	targeted/broad	partnership with Broward County, to gather public	will be provided after the	were accepted.	
		community	input on the housing and community development	community participation		
			priority needs in the City of Lauderhill.	process.		
		Nonprofits				
			The link to the survey can be found at:			
			https://www.research.net/r/Broward-Stakeholder			

#### **Needs Assessment**

#### **NA-05 Overview**

#### **Needs Assessment Overview**

To develop a comprehensive understanding of community needs, the City of Lauderhill has conducted quantitative data analyses, engaged with stakeholders, gathered public input, and utilized insights from previous planning initiatives. This plan incorporates data from sources such as the U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and local planning efforts and Broward County's regional housing studies. These efforts ensure that funding decisions align with both current conditions and projected trends.

The City's Grants Division oversees the administration of CDBG-funded programs, aiming to enhance public infrastructure, provide social services, and support housing initiatives for low- to moderate-income (LMI) residents. In coordination with Broward County, regional agencies, and local organizations, Lauderhill prioritizes projects that address community disparities, enhance public resources, and promote sustainable development.

This needs assessment serves as a foundation for identifying service gaps, infrastructure deficiencies, and public resource limitations, guiding the allocation of federal, state, and local funding. By analyzing demographic trends, economic conditions, and service accessibility, the City can prioritize investments that enhance the quality of life for Lauderhill residents.

## NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

## Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The City of Lauderhill recognizes the necessity for ongoing investment in public facilities to adequately serve its low- to moderate-income (LMI) residents, enhance community accessibility, and support a growing population. Priorities include upgrading neighborhood centers and parks to ensure they are safe, accessible, and functional for all residents. As Lauderhill continues to develop, expanding and updating public facilities is essential to ensure access to resources and services, thereby strengthening support for educational, recreational, and social service programs, particularly for vulnerable populations.

#### How were these needs determined?

Lauderhill identified public facility needs through community engagement, stakeholder consultations, and data analysis. The City utilized HUD's Low/Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD) to locate areas with high concentrations of LMI residents, targeting facility improvements accordingly. Feedback from public hearings, local service providers, and previous housing and community development reports further highlighted gaps in facility availability and accessibility.

#### Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Public infrastructure improvements are a critical need in Lauderhill, especially in LMI areas. Necessary improvements include street and sidewalk improvements, stormwater drainage systems, and ADA-compliant enhancements to public spaces. These improvements are vital for maintaining safe transportation networks, mitigating flood risks, and fostering pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods. Investing in infrastructure also addresses aging municipal systems and supports economic development in LMI communities, aligning with broader revitalization efforts to ensure public spaces are well-maintained.

#### How were these needs determined?

The City identified public improvement needs through HUD data analysis, community input, and planning efforts. Public hearings and consultations with local agencies and stakeholders revealed infrastructure deficiencies and the need for upgrades in LMI areas. Evaluations of past CDBG projects demonstrated the positive impact of infrastructure investments on mobility, safety, and environmental challenges.

#### Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

Public services are essential in supporting LMI individuals, seniors, persons with disabilities, and at-risk populations in Lauderhill. The City prioritizes supportive services addressing homelessness, youth development, senior assistance, and economic stability. Programs offering job training, mental health services, financial assistance, and emergency housing support are crucial for community well-being. Expanding services for youth and seniors ensures access to educational opportunities, recreational programs, and social support.

In addition to CDBG, public service activities are funded through the Grants & Community Development Division, service partners and the community employing a collaborative approach to understanding the needs of residents and addressing these needs. Project funds are focused on ultimately improving the health outcomes, economic prosperity, and environmental and safety needs of those living and working in Lauderhill. Key priority areas include quality healthcare access, neighborhood and environment, expanded social and community engagement and resources, economic stability, and quality education access.

#### How were these needs determined?

Lauderhill determined public service needs through community engagement, consultations with local service providers, and analysis of existing service gaps. Public hearings and resident feedback helped assess priority service needs and identify populations requiring additional support. Input from local nonprofit organizations and government agencies provided insights into the demand for social services, ensuring resources are directed toward programs with the highest impact on the LMI community

# **Housing Market Analysis**

#### **MA-05 Overview**

#### **Market Analysis Overview:**

Lauderhill, situated in Broward County within the dynamic South Florida metropolitan area, is influenced by regional employment trends and workforce development initiatives. Its proximity to major economic centers like Fort Lauderdale and Miami offers residents access to job opportunities across multiple industries. However, a significant portion of Lauderhill's workforce commutes outside the city for employment, underscoring the need to expand local job opportunities and reduce reliance on external labor markets.

The city's economy is diverse, encompassing sectors such as healthcare, technology, retail, and logistics. Despite this diversity, aligning the local workforce's skills with emerging high-wage industries like advanced manufacturing and financial services remains a priority. Enhancing collaborations between local businesses, educational institutions, and workforce training programs is essential to equip residents with the skills required for sustainable, well-paying careers. Initiatives such as the partnership between the City of Lauderhill and OIC of South Florida offer free career readiness workshops to residents, aiming to increase their marketability in today's workforce.

Economic development efforts in Lauderhill focus on attracting new businesses, supporting entrepreneurship, and improving infrastructure to sustain long-term growth. The city's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) offers programs designed to revitalize and improve communities and businesses within its defined areas. Additionally, the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce provides resources, networking opportunities, and a platform for local businesses to connect and grow. These initiatives aim to reduce the worker-to-job imbalance, retain local talent, and ensure economic growth benefits residents across all income levels.

By strengthening key industries, creating sustainable job opportunities, and supporting workforce development, the city can promote long-term economic prosperity for its residents.

# MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f) Introduction

This section provides an overview of Lauderhill's economic development, with a focus on key areas such as business sector employment, unemployment rates, commuting times, and education levels. The accompanying table outlines employment distribution across the city's business sectors. Additionally, the analysis delves into trends in unemployment, average commuting times for workers, and educational attainment, all of which play significant roles in shaping Lauderhill's economic landscape and future growth.

### **Economic Development Market Analysis**

#### **Business Activity**

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers	Share of Jobs	Jobs less workers
			%	%	%
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	0	0	0%	0%	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	4,155	934	12%	11%	-1
Construction	2,476	251	7%	3%	-4
Education and Health Care Services	8,495	2,065	25%	24%	-1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,964	542	6%	6%	0
Information	1,069	60	3%	1%	-2
Manufacturing	1,289	219	4%	3%	-1
Other Services	1,253	452	4%	5%	1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	4,140	1,089	12%	13%	1
Public Administration	1,438	4	4%	0%	-4
Retail Trade	3,913	1,779	12%	21%	9
Transportation and Warehousing	2,678	921	8%	11%	3
Wholesale Trade	745	274	2%	3%	1
Total	33,615	8,590	-	-	-

**Table 4 - Business Activity** 

**Data Source:** 2019-2023 ACS (Workers), 2022 LEHD (Jobs)

**Data Source Comments:** The most recent year available for LEHD data was 2022.

#### Share of Workers

Lauderhill faces a worker-to-job imbalance, underscoring the need to expand local employment opportunities. The city's labor force includes 33,615 working residents, yet only 8,590 jobs exist within the Lauderhill. This disparity forces over 25,000 local residents to commute elsewhere for employment, contributing to longer commute times and reducing overall quality of life.

The mismatch between available jobs and skilled workers is particularly evident across several key industries:

- Education and Health Care Services Over 6,400 more skilled workers than available jobs.
- Professional, Scientific, Management Services Around 3,000 more skilled workers than local jobs
- Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations Over 3,000 more skilled workers than local jobs

To bridge this gap, Lauderhill must focus on attracting and expanding businesses in sectors where skilled workers already exist. Aligning economic development strategies with workforce strengths can create sustainable job growth, reduce outbound commuting, and retain more economic activity within the city. Enhancing local employment opportunities will not only improve workforce stability but also contribute to Lauderhill's long-term economic resilience and growth.

#### **Labor Force**

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	56,255
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	36,804
Unemployment Rate	3.4%
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	14.4%
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	7.0%

Table 5 - Labor Force

Alternate Data Source: ACS 2019-2023; BLS Unemployment 2023

Data Source Comments: All data except Unemployment Rate from 2019-2023 ACS

#### **Unemployment Rate**

There are several methods for measuring unemployment, each with distinct advantages and limitations. The U.S. Census collects annual unemployment data by census tract, enabling geographic comparisons of unemployment rates across smaller areas. However, this data is typically two or more years old, making it less useful for real-time analysis. In contrast, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) provides monthly unemployment data, which is more current but only available at the city level, limiting its ability to reflect localized trends within specific neighborhoods or tracts.

#### **2022 Unemployment Rates**

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
5.2	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.6	5.2

#### **2023 Unemployment Rates**

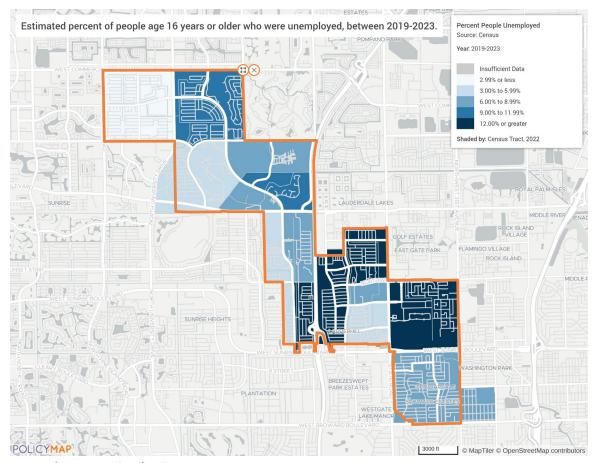
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
3.6	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6

Table 1 - Unemployment Rate, BLS - Lauderhill, FL

In 2023, Lauderhill demonstrated improved employment conditions compared to the previous year. The city's monthly unemployment rate consistently remained below 4.0% for most of the year, beginning at 3.6% in January, declining to a low of 3.0% in both March and April, and concluding the year again at 3.6%. This contrasts with 2022, when unemployment rates ranged more widely—from a low of 3.6% in May and November to a high of 5.2% in both January and December. The average unemployment rate in 2022 was approximately 4.2%, compared to 3.5% in 2023, reflecting a year-over-year decline. This trend suggests a recovery from COVID-19 and strengthening local labor market, despite ongoing challenges such as the mismatch between available jobs and resident workforce skills. These improvements indicate progress in employment stability but also underscore the importance of continued investment in workforce alignment and job creation within Lauderhill.

#### **Unemployment Rate**

The map below illustrates the unemployment rate variations across Lauderhill between 2019 and 2023, with darker-shaded areas representing higher unemployment rates, exceeding 12%. Conversely, lighter-shaded regions indicate lower unemployment levels, with the lowest rates falling below 3%. This geographic distribution highlights disparities in employment conditions within different census tracts of the city.



**Unemployment Distribution** 

#### **Occupations by Sector**

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	9,619
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	0
Service	8,832
Sales and office	7,986
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	3,077
Production, transportation and material moving	4,101

Table 6 - Occupations by Sector

Alternate Data Source: 2019-2023 ACS

#### **Occupations by Sector**

The "Occupations by Sector" table highlights the distribution of job types across various industries in Lauderhill, providing a different perspective from a previous table that categorized jobs by industry sector. For example, managerial roles—whether in corporate offices or retail—are classified under "Management, Business, and Financial" in this table, whereas they would be categorized based on industry in the prior table.

In Lauderhill, the largest occupational group is the Management, Business, and Financial sector, which accounts for approximately 9,619 jobs. The second largest occupational category is Service Occupations, comprising 8,832 jobs. These sectors include key roles such as managers, financial analysts, business professionals, sales, and administration roles, underscoring the significance of both professional and sales-related occupations within the city's workforce.

#### **Travel Time**

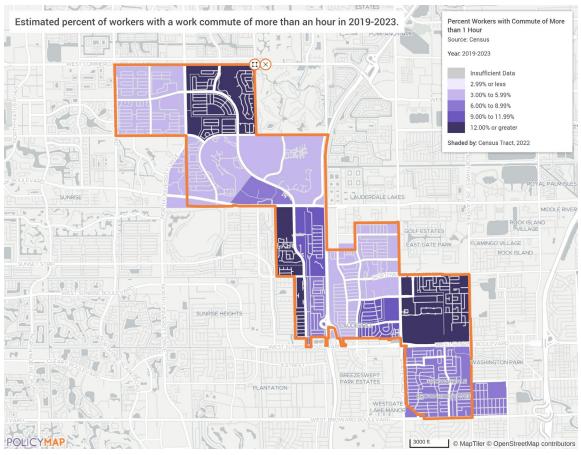
Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	179,729	50.5%
30-59 Minutes	146,696	41.3%
60 or More Minutes	29,126	8.2%
Total	355,551	100%

**Table 7 - Travel Time** 

Alternate Data Source Name: 2019-2023 ACS

#### **Commute Travel Time**

Lauderhill has a moderate prevalence of long commutes, with most areas reporting between 3% and 9% of workers traveling over an hour for work. However, certain areas, marked by darker shading, exceed 12%, indicating a higher reliance on distant employment. These patterns highlight the need for expanded local job opportunities and enhanced transportation infrastructure to alleviate commute burdens and improve work-life balance.



**Commute Time More Than 1 Hour** 

#### Inflow-Outflow of Jobs in 2022

The map below illustrates the job inflow and outflow in Lauderhill, highlighting the city's significant commuting patterns. Only 878 Lauderhill residents are employed within city limits, while approximately 31,816 residents commute outside the city for work. Conversely, 7,712 individuals who work in Lauderhill live outside the city, demonstrating a reliance on external labor sources. This imbalance underscores the need for expanded local job opportunities to retain more of Lauderhill's workforce within the city, reducing commute times and strengthening the local economy.



#### Inflow-Outflow of Jobs in 2022

	Count
Employed in the Selection Area	8,590
Employed and Living in the Selection Area	878
Employed in the Selection Area but Living Outside	7,712
Living in the Selection Area but Employed Outside	31,816

Data Source: 2022 LEHD Inflow/Outflow Job Counts

#### **Education:**

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labo		
	Civilian Unemployed Employed		Not in Labor Force
	Employed		roite
Less than high school graduate	2,835	573	1,465
High school graduate (includes	10.636	1 256	2.746
equivalency)	10,636	1,356	3,746
Some college or Associate's degree	8,946	702	1,778
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,765	336	564

**Table 8 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status** 

Data Source: ACS 2019-2023

## **Educational Attainment by Employment Status**

Educational attainment is a key determinant of economic success, influencing both employment stability and earning potential. In Lauderhill, unemployment rates vary significantly by education level: residents without a high school diploma face a 12.2% unemployment rate, while those with a bachelor's degree or higher experience a much lower rate of 5%.

Labor force participation also increases with educational attainment. Only 68.8% of residents without a high school diploma are active in the workforce, nearly 17% lower than the 85.9% participation rate of those with a bachelor's degree or higher. These trends highlight the importance of workforce development programs, job training initiatives, and higher education access in expanding employment opportunities and enhancing economic mobility for Lauderhill residents.

#### **Educational Attainment by Age**

	Age					
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs	
Less than 9th grade	220	107	200	1,351	1,543	
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	828	558	640	1,838	1,125	
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,994	4,606	3,325	7,483	3,655	
Some college, no degree	1,194	2,250	1,835	3,086	1,994	
Associate's degree	625	1,174	1,250	1,729	521	
Bachelor's degree	218	1,416	812	1,767	1,467	
Graduate or professional degree	49	775	965	976	1,283	

**Table 9 - Educational Attainment by Age** 

**Data Source:** ACS 2019-2023

#### **Educational Attainment by Age**

The previous table provides a detailed breakdown of educational attainment by age for residents 18 and older in Lauderhill, offering insight into education trends and their impact on workforce development and economic mobility. While higher education levels are generally more prevalent among older age groups, this pattern is not universal.

In Lauderhill, those with undergraduate (associate degree and bachelor's degree) as well as graduate or professional degrees are most common among residents aged 45 and older, reflecting an established workforce with extensive career experience and advanced educational attainment. Those between the ages of 25 and 44 also have a notable percentage of individuals who have obtained some level of college education. These trends emphasize the importance of continued access to education and skill development programs to support an evolving labor market, ensuring that workers of all ages have the qualifications needed to succeed in Lauderhill's economy.

#### **Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	\$27,593
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	\$33,396
Some college or Associate's degree	\$35,240
Bachelor's degree	\$50,527
Graduate or professional degree	\$66,897

Table 10 - Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Alternate Data Source Name: ACS 2019-2023

#### **Median Earnings by Educational Attainment**

Educational attainment is a key determinant of potential earnings and financial stability. In Lauderhill, individuals with higher education levels experience significantly greater median earnings. For instance, a person with a Bachelor's degree typically earns just below twice as much as someone without a high school diploma. Similarly, those with a graduate or professional degree can expect to earn twice as much as someone with a high school education. Over the span of a career, this income disparity becomes even more pronounced. Without accounting for inflation, an individual with a bachelor's degree working from age 18 to 62 can expect to earn around \$2.22 million, compared to approximately \$1.47 million for someone with only a high school diploma working from age 18 to 62—an earnings difference of nearly \$750,000 in their lifetime. This gap in lifetime earnings contributes significantly to wealth accumulation, further supported by the higher likelihood of home ownership, investments, and retirement savings often associated with higher salaries.

# Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The Education and Health Care Services sector is a cornerstone of Lauderhill's economy, accounting for 8,495 workers, which represents just over one-fourth of all local employment. This same sector provides the largest shares of local job opportunities with around 2,065 jobs in this sector accounting for approximately 24% of all jobs.

While the Education and Health Care Services sector demonstrates a significant workforce-job mismatch, additional sectors such as the Professional, Scientific, and Management Services Sector, the Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations Sector have significantly more skilled workers in these sectors than local jobs within Lauderhill. This disparity highlights an opportunity for targeted economic development efforts to attract more education and healthcare-related employers to Lauderhill, aligning job availability with workforce skills and reducing the need for residents to commute elsewhere for employment.

These industries are critical to Lauderhill's economic stability, providing essential services, workforce opportunities, and long-term growth potential. Expanding local job opportunities in underrepresented fields will be key to balancing employment distribution and strengthening the city's economic resilience.

#### Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

The business community in Lauderhill has articulated specific workforce and infrastructure needs to foster economic growth and sustainability.

#### **Workforce Needs:**

Local businesses emphasize the necessity for a skilled workforce adept in current industry demands. To address this, the City of Lauderhill, in collaboration with organizations like OIC of South Florida, offers free career readiness workshops aimed at enhancing residents' employability. These workshops focus on soft skills training and are part of the Prosperity Broward initiative, which seeks to increase marketability in today's workforce.

Additionally, the city's Entrepreneurship Program provides technical support services to small businesses and startups, facilitating job creation and economic development. This program offers classes, workshops, and project-based technical assistance designed to empower business owners to grow their enterprises and create employment opportunities.

#### **Infrastructure Needs:**

Infrastructure improvements are pivotal for Lauderhill's business environment. The Central Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Plan outlines strategies for infrastructure enhancements to revitalize the area and stimulate economic activity. These improvements include upgrading public facilities and transportation systems to support business operations and attract investment.

Furthermore, the city's Economic Development division focuses on creating a business-friendly environment by improving infrastructure, supporting entrepreneurship, and attracting new businesses.

Efforts include investing in transportation accessibility and commercial development to sustain long-term economic growth.

Addressing these workforce and infrastructure needs through targeted programs and strategic planning is essential for Lauderhill's business community to thrive and remain competitive in the regional economy.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

Lauderhill is experiencing significant developments poised to impact its economic landscape both in the short and long term. These initiatives encompass public and private sector investments aimed at revitalizing key areas, enhancing infrastructure, and fostering business growth.

#### **Lauderhill Market Place Development:**

The City of Lauderhill has unveiled plans for the "Lauderhill Market Place," a comprehensive lifestyle center adjacent to the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center. This project includes the construction of a hotel, parking garage, and beer garden, designed to complement the Performing Arts Center, attract more visitors, and stimulate local business activity.

#### **State Road 7 Corridor Revitalization:**

The State Road 7 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has initiated a bold plan to transform the State Road 7 corridor into a vibrant showcase of diversity and functionality. This comprehensive strategy focuses on infrastructure improvements, the development of open spaces and park facilities, and the promotion of mixed-use developments. The plan aims to reverse decades of decline, enhance the area's aesthetic appeal, and create a distinct identity that reflects Lauderhill's cultural diversity.

#### **Lauderhill Mall Mixed-Use Development:**

Lauderhill Mall Investments LLC has proposed a mixed-use development on a 3.23-acre parcel within the Lauderhill Mall property. The project envisions the construction of three buildings comprising a total of 233 residential units and over 14,000 square feet of retail space. This development aims to modernize the mall area, offering new housing options and commercial opportunities, thereby contributing to the city's economic growth.

#### **Workforce Development and Business Support Needs:**

These transformative projects necessitate a skilled workforce aligned with the evolving demands of the city's expanding economic sectors. To address this, the Lauderhill CRA has established the Small Business Academy, offering programs designed to enhance business acumen and entrepreneurial skills among residents. Additionally, partnerships with organizations like SCORE Broward and Broward College Entrepreneurial Experience (BCEx) provide technical assistance and training to local businesses, fostering a supportive environment for entrepreneurship and job creation.

### **Infrastructure Enhancement Needs:**

The planned developments underscore the need for substantial infrastructure enhancements to support increased economic activity and population growth. The State Road 7 CRA's plan includes improving traffic circulation, creating distinct streetscapes, and developing open spaces to foster a sense of community. These improvements are critical to accommodate the anticipated influx of residents and visitors, ensuring sustainable growth and enhanced quality of life.

In summary, Lauderhill's strategic initiatives in development and revitalization are set to significantly impact the city's economic trajectory. Addressing the accompanying workforce development, business support, and infrastructure needs will be pivotal in ensuring the success and sustainability of these projects, ultimately enhancing job opportunities and business growth in the community.

# How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Based on workforce data and the previously provided inflow/outflow map from the U.S. Census, Lauderhill's employment patterns reflect both its role within the broader South Florida metropolitan area and an opportunity to better align its local workforce with job availability.

Lauderhill is strategically located near major economic centers, including Fort Lauderdale, Sunrise, and Plantation, which offer a wide range of employment opportunities. As a result, it is not uncommon for residents to commute short distances to jobs in these neighboring cities. According to the inflow/outflow map, approximately 31,816 Lauderhill residents travel outside the city for work each day, while 7,712 non-residents commute in, and 878 people both live and work within the city. This highlights a regional commuting pattern common in interconnected urban areas like Broward County.

However, this also illustrates an important opportunity: Lauderhill has a talented and active workforce (33,615 workers) but only 8,590 jobs located within the city. Many sectors—such as construction, healthcare, professional services, and retail—show a higher number of skilled Lauderhill workers than there are jobs locally. For example, construction represents 7% of Lauderhill's workforce but only 3% of jobs in the city.

### **Educational Attainment and Workforce Readiness**

Lauderhill's workforce includes:

- 10,636 employed residents with a high school diploma,
- 8,946 with some college or an associate's degree, and
- 5,765 with a bachelor's degree or higher.

While many residents are already employed, there remains a need to support career advancement and connect educational attainment with job growth sectors, particularly for those with some college or vocational experience.

# **Strategic Opportunities**

Rather than a shortcoming, Lauderhill's commuter trends can be viewed as a reflection of its strong regional connectivity and its residents' adaptability to the broader job market. Still, better local alignment can:

- Reduce reliance on outbound commuting,
- Retain talent within city limits, and
- Strengthen the local economy through increased daytime population and small business activity.

Efforts to attract employers in sectors where the city already has an experienced labor pool—such as healthcare, retail, and professional services—can help reduce the worker-to-job gap. Workforce development programs, particularly those that build on existing skills and provide access to certifications or training in growth industries, will further enhance employment outcomes. At the same time, targeted infrastructure investments and mixed-use commercial development will support business attraction and long-term economic growth.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

Lauderhill is actively engaged in workforce training initiatives through collaborations with educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and workforce development boards.

# **Broward College's Broward UP™ Program:**

Broward College has launched the Broward UP™ (Unlimited Potential) initiative to provide free workforce training and educational opportunities directly within communities, including Lauderhill. The program offers courses in various fields such as project management, supply chain management, and information technology support. These courses aim to equip residents with skills that are in high demand, thereby enhancing employability and supporting economic mobility.

### **Sunshine Health Training Center:**

In partnership with Sunshine Health, Broward College established the Broward UP™ @ Sunshine Health Training Center in Lauderhill. This center focuses on providing free training and certification opportunities in the healthcare sector, addressing the need for skilled professionals in one of the region's critical industries.

### **OIC of South Florida Collaboration:**

The City of Lauderhill collaborates with OIC of South Florida (OIC-SFL), a nonprofit workforce development organization, to offer free career readiness workshops. These workshops cover topics such as resume building, networking, and career path identification, aiming to increase residents' marketability in the workforce.

### **CareerSource Broward Initiatives:**

CareerSource Broward, the local workforce development board, provides occupational training programs and scholarships of up to \$12,000 for eligible residents. These programs cover tuition, books, and supplies, and are designed to help individuals acquire education and skills needed to succeed in today's labor market.

# **Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Programs:**

Lauderhill's CRA offers programs aimed at revitalizing and improving communities and businesses within its defined areas. These include residential and commercial initiatives that support workforce development and economic growth.

These collective efforts contribute to the city's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan by addressing service gaps, enhancing public resources, and promoting sustainable development.

# Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes, Lauderhill actively participates in regional economic development planning through its involvement with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC).

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

As part of the South Florida Regional Planning Council's (SFRPC) jurisdiction, the City of Lauderhill contributes to the South Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2022–2027. This regional strategy supports economic growth across Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties by prioritizing workforce development, infrastructure investment, and business resilience. Lauderhill's participation in the CEDS process helps ensure that local initiatives are aligned with broader regional goals, reinforcing coordinated efforts to attract investment, support business expansion, and create sustainable employment opportunities within the city.

# **Local and Regional Economic Development Initiatives**

# 1. Mixed-Use and Commercial Development: Lauderhill Market Place & Lauderhill Mall Redevelopment

The City of Lauderhill is advancing several high-impact commercial projects to revitalize key corridors. The Lauderhill Market Place is a planned lifestyle destination near the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center that includes a hotel, parking garage, and a beer garden to boost tourism, hospitality jobs, and foot traffic. Additionally, a proposed mixed-use redevelopment at Lauderhill Mall—featuring 233 residential units and 14,000 square feet of retail—is expected to modernize the area and attract private investment. Together, these developments are strengthening Lauderhill's commercial appeal and supporting local job creation.

# 2. Workforce Development: CareerSource Broward and Community Training Partnerships

CareerSource Broward provides training and occupational scholarships of up to \$12,000 for eligible Lauderhill residents, helping them acquire industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields such as healthcare, information technology, and skilled trades. Complementing this effort, the City partners with organizations like OIC of South Florida and Broward College's Broward UP™ initiative to bring no-cost career readiness programs and vocational training directly into the community.

# 3. Broward County Comprehensive Plan – Economic Development Element

Lauderhill's economic development priorities are aligned with Broward County's Comprehensive Plan, which emphasizes smart land use, infrastructure reinvestment, and business retention. The plan's focus on redeveloping underutilized corridors, improving transportation connectivity, and strengthening regional economic linkages directly supports Lauderhill's long-term strategies to attract employers and improve the local business environment.

# Impact on Lauderhill's Economic Growth

These coordinated local and regional initiatives are expected to drive measurable impacts on Lauderhill's economy by:

# Attracting New Businesses:

Strategic investments in mixed-use and commercial development, along with infrastructure improvements, enhance Lauderhill's appeal as a hub for new enterprises and private investment.

### Job Creation:

Workforce training programs and redevelopment projects are generating new employment opportunities that help reduce commuting burdens and support local hiring.

### • Community Revitalization:

Business support services, corridor revitalization, and public infrastructure upgrades are improving neighborhood vitality, raising property values, and increasing residents' quality of life.

# **MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

# Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

HUD defines "housing problems" based on four specific data points: cost burden, overcrowding, lack of complete plumbing facilities, and lack of complete kitchen facilities. In Lauderhill, housing issues are infrequent overall, except for cost burden. According to the 2019-2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the citywide rates are as follows:

• Cost Burden Renters: 72.5%

Cost Burden Homeowners: 40.7%

• Overcrowding: 7.8%

• Lack of Complete Plumbing Facilities: 0.7%

• Lack of Complete Kitchen Facilities: 1.2%

For an area to be considered "concentrated" with housing issues, it must exhibit two or more problems significantly above the citywide averages, using HUD's definition of "disproportionate." This threshold in Lauderhill is 10 percentage points higher than the city average, equating to: a cost burdened renter above 72.5%, a cost burdened homeowner above 50.7%, overcrowding above 17.8%, lack of plumbing facilities above 10.7%, and lack of kitchen facilities above 11.2%.

In Lauderhill, there are no tracts that meet the criteria for having more than one concentrated housing problem.

# Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

For the purposes of this analysis a "racial or ethnic concentration" will be any Census Tract where a racial or ethnic minority group makes up 10 percent or more of the population than the city as a whole. According to the 2019-2023 ACS 5-Year estimates the racial and ethnic breakdown of Lauderhill's population is:

Black, non-Hispanic: 77.5%

• American Indian and Alaska Native, non-Hispanic: 0.1%

Asian, non-Hispanic: 1.3%

• Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic: 0.1%

• Other Race, non-Hispanic: 0.8%

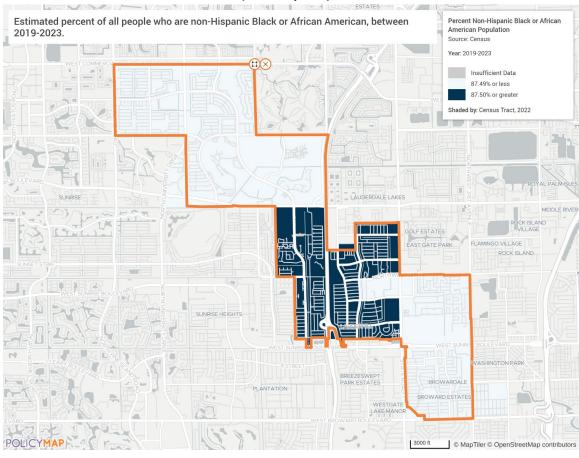
• Two or More Races, non-Hispanic: 2.8%

• Hispanic or Latino: 9.4%

In Lauderhill, Black/African American households are the largest demographic group, with significant concentrations in the lower central regions of Lauderhill. There is also a concentration of Hispanic households in one census tract within Lauderhill. Other racial or ethnic groups do not display notable

concentrations based on the established analysis criteria. The maps below illustrate these racial and ethnic distributions across Lauderhill, excluding populations without significant concentrations.

# Concentration Black/African American (Non-Hispanic) households over 87.5%



# Estimated percent of all people who were Hispanic or Latino, between 2019-2023. Percent Hispanic or Latino Population Source: Cernus Vas: 2019-2023 Insufficient Data 13-3% or less 19-4% or greater Shaded by: Census Tract, 2022 AMORE RESIDENT BECKESTATES BECKNAPO STLANG PARNISO VILLAGE ROCK SLAND PROCESSLAND PROCESSLAN

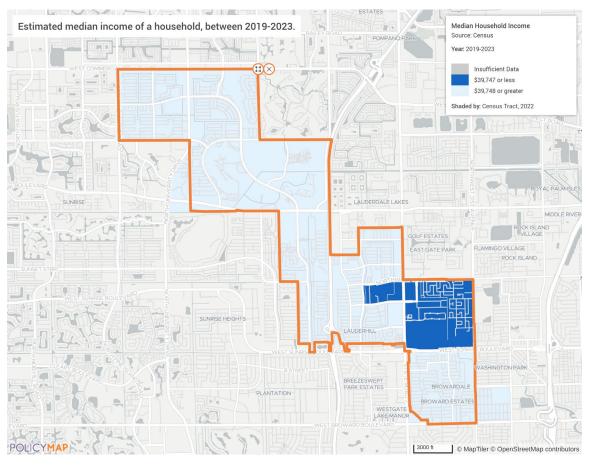
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# **Low Income Households**

A "low-income concentration" is defined as any census tract where the median household income (MHI) is 80% or less of the median household income for Lauderhill. According to the 2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, the Median Household Income (MHI) in Lauderhill is \$49,685. Based on this threshold, a census tract would be considered to have a low-income (80% MHI or lower) concentration if the median household income for that tract is \$39,748 or less. The following Census Tracts have concentrations of low-income households:

# Census Tract #12011060405

# Census Tract #12011041200



# What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

In Lauderhill, low-income neighborhoods often contain a higher share of renter-occupied housing units than the citywide average. Much of the housing stock in these areas was built between the 1970s and 1990s, and many properties are now in need of modernization or rehabilitation. There has been limited recent residential development in these areas, contributing to a shortage of updated housing options for low- to moderate-income households.

Employment opportunities within Lauderhill remain somewhat constrained, with a significant portion of residents commuting to nearby cities like Fort Lauderdale and other areas of Broward County for work. Public transportation plays a vital role in these neighborhoods, where vehicle access is not always guaranteed. Service-sector employment is common but often offers lower wages and limited upward mobility. Addressing aging housing, limited local job access, and transportation challenges are key steps toward stabilizing these communities.

# Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Lauderhill's low-income neighborhoods are supported by several important community assets that contribute to resident well-being. The City of Lauderhill's Housing and Community Affairs Division offers affordable housing programs such as purchase assistance and home rehabilitation for income-qualified households. These initiatives improve housing stability and quality for residents who might otherwise face unsafe or unaffordable conditions.

Additional support is provided through the Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which offers commercial and residential improvement programs in designated areas. Social service organizations and workforce development partners—such as OIC of South Florida and CareerSource Broward—deliver financial assistance, food distribution, and job readiness workshops. These assets provide essential support systems that improve access to opportunity and contribute to long-term community resilience.

# Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Lauderhill's low-income neighborhoods present multiple strategic opportunities for revitalization. The CRA is actively engaged in upgrading public infrastructure, reducing blight, and encouraging reinvestment along commercial corridors. These projects can enhance neighborhood aesthetics, improve safety, and attract new businesses. Expanded transit connections would also improve resident access to jobs and services across the region, particularly for those without reliable transportation.

Another opportunity lies in expanding workforce training and small business support. Job development efforts focused on high-demand industries, combined with technical assistance for entrepreneurs, can boost local employment and income growth. Strengthening partnerships among the city, business leaders, educational institutions, and workforce providers will help align training programs with labor market needs. These efforts, when targeted in underserved areas, can support economic development and improve quality of life for Lauderhill residents.

# MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Internet access is a critical component of modern communication and information-sharing, enabling users to benefit from the growing interconnectedness of business, education, commerce, and everyday activities. Reliable internet connectivity has become essential for success in today's economic landscape. Communities without broadband access face significant challenges in keeping pace with the rest of the country. The lack of broadband infrastructure limits residents' ability to access educational and entrepreneurial opportunities, which is especially concerning in low- to moderate-income (LMI) areas where economic opportunities are often limited.

Research from the Pew Research Center underscores the vital role that high-speed internet plays in enhancing educational and employment opportunities, particularly in underserved communities. The center's studies have shown that individuals with reliable broadband access are more likely to engage in online learning, apply for jobs, and participate in economic activities that can improve their quality of life.

Similarly, reports from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) highlight the direct correlation between broadband availability and economic development. The FCC's findings indicate that regions with robust internet infrastructure experience higher rates of job creation, educational attainment, and overall community growth.

Lauderhill, Florida, enjoys comprehensive broadband coverage, with the vast majority of the city offering various internet service provider options, including in LMI areas. The average household has access to two broadband-quality internet service options. According to ISPReports.org, Lauderhill benefits from a variety of infrastructure options, including cable, fiber, fixed wireless, and DSL. Ninety percent (90%) of Lauderhill households have an internet connection with the city offering 99.78% availability. Of those households, 77% have fiber, cable, or DSL, 11% have satellite, 0% are still on dial-up, and 3% of households have internet but don't pay for a subscription because it's subsidized by the Affordable Connectivity Program. The map below illustrates broadband availability throughout Lauderhill, defined as advertised internet speeds of 768 kilobits per second or higher.

See map: Broadband Access

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

To ensure high-quality broadband service, it is crucial to foster competition among service providers. A lack of competition, where a single provider dominates an area, can diminish the incentive to deliver

reliable and consistent services. According to ISPReports.org, Lauderhill is served by seven internet providers and five satellite providers offering residential service. Among these, Xfinity stands out as the leading provider in terms of offering comprehensive coverage and speed. Internet providers throughout the city include:

Xfinity (Cable)

EarthLink (Fiber, DSL, and Fixed Wireless)

AT&T (Fiber, DSL, and Fixed Wireless)

Hotwire Communications (Fiber)

Atlantic Broadband (Fiber and Cable)

T-Mobile Home Internet (Fixed Wireless)

Verizon (Fixed Wireless)

Dish (Satellite)

DirecTV (Satellite)

HughesNet (Satellite)

Viasat Internet (Satellite)

Starlink (Satellite)

The map below shows the number of broadband service providers by census tract. The average household in Lauderhill has access to two broadband-quality internet service providers, ensuring a baseline level of reliability and affordability. While this level of competition offers residents some choice, expanding the number of available providers could further drive competitive pricing and service improvements. The strong subscription rates among residents indicate a high demand for internet access, underscoring the importance of continued investment in broadband infrastructure to enhance service quality, affordability, and accessibility.

See map: Highspeed Internet Providers

# MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

# Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

Lauderhill, FL, has historically faced multiple natural hazard risks, including extreme heat, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, tropical cyclones (hurricanes and tropical storms), coastal erosion, droughts, flooding, and wildfires. Lauderhill participates in the Local Mitigation Strategy for Broward County. The 2022 Broward County Emergency Management Enhanced Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) identifies climate change as a significant factor exacerbating these risks, primarily due to sea level rise, intensified storm events, and increasing temperatures. The probability of high tide flooding is considered "highly likely," with sea levels projected to rise by up to 40 inches by 2070 under the NOAA Intermediate-High scenario, leading to more frequent and severe coastal inundation and storm surges. Inland flooding is also expected to worsen due to reduced drainage capacity in stormwater systems caused by higher sea levels, increasing the risks associated with heavy rainfall and hurricanes. While climate change is expected to intensify hurricanes by increasing storm surge heights, rainfall, and wind speeds, a 2011 South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) report suggests that rising wind shear over the Atlantic could lead to a 6-34% decrease in the overall number of tropical storms and hurricanes. Additionally, the county anticipates longer and more severe drought periods, which, when combined with higher temperatures, may heighten wildfire risks. Extreme heat events are also increasing, particularly in urban areas, posing significant health risks and placing stress on infrastructure.

Lauderhill is an inland city, located approximately 10 miles west of the Atlantic coast. However, its close proximity to the coastline makes it especially vulnerable to hazards such as hurricanes, storm surge, coastal erosion, and sea level rise. The LMS highlights significant socioeconomic risks from climate change, particularly property loss, infrastructure damage, and economic vulnerabilities due to rising sea levels. Increased flooding threatens roads, utilities, and drainage systems, leading to costly adaptations. The tourism sector, a key economic driver, is at risk from beach erosion and storm damage. These escalating hazards underscore the necessity for adaptation and mitigation strategies to protect the residents, economy, and environment of Lauderhill.

According to the FEMA National Risk Index, Broward County faces significant threats from hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, and wildfires, challenging the region's resilience and safety. To counter these challenges, proactive measures are essential for fostering resilience in an evolving climate landscape. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emphasizes that climate change, coupled with other environmental and human-made stressors, exacerbates existing health threats and introduces new ones, further emphasizing the need for comprehensive preparedness.

The City of Lauderhill has demonstrated a strong and multifaceted commitment to enhancing resilience against natural hazards linked to climate change. As a long-standing participant in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) since 1992 and currently holding a Class 7 rating, the City has implemented a range of flood mitigation and stormwater management initiatives, including the maintenance of pump stations, catch basin cleaning, road repaving to improve water flow, canal embankment stabilizations, and large-scale drainage projects. The City's Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the most recent FEMA flood

maps, and the City Engineer serves as the designated Floodplain Manager. Additionally, Lauderhill's Storm Water Division ensures routine maintenance of the entire drainage system, clearing debris and managing vegetation—to prevent flooding during storm events. The City further promotes climate resilience through community education and outreach, with representation on the county's Education & Outreach Subcommittee to advance public understanding of disaster preparedness and structural mitigation. To support sustainable water practices, Lauderhill also offers rebates and free conservation devices to residents, encouraging water efficiency as a long-term resilience strategy.

# Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Low- and moderate-income households, whether renting or owning, are particularly vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters due to limited financial resources. Rising electricity and housing costs can push them into unstable living conditions, increasing the risk of homelessness or substandard housing. The 2024 America's Rental Housing Study from Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies highlights how escalating insurance premiums and coverage withdrawals in high-risk areas make securing protection against climate-related losses increasingly difficult, while stagnant operating income further limits property owners' ability to invest in climate resilience. The 2021 EPA study on Climate Change and Social Vulnerability reinforces these concerns, revealing that low-income individuals are more likely to live in areas experiencing rising mortality rates from extreme temperatures and face the highest labor hour losses due to weather exposure. Rural communities are especially disadvantaged, often lacking emergency support and resources for climate-related home repairs. As climate threats intensify, strengthening resilience among low- and moderate-income households is essential to ensuring their safety, stability, and long-term well-being.

In Broward County, low- and moderate-income households are among the most vulnerable to natural hazards due to limited financial resources and increased exposure to risk. Access to less financial resources can make it difficult to invest in mitigation measures such as flood insurance or structural reinforcements. The LMS identified 2,213 residential properties at risk of flooding in Lauderhill, accounting for the majority of the 2,371 total at-risk properties, underscoring the urgent need for mitigation efforts and resilient infrastructure to protect homes and residents. Additionally, communities with high social vulnerability often experience higher surface temperatures due to urban heat island effects, exacerbating risks associated with extreme heat. Some communities within Lauderhill are classified among the highest risk areas in Broward County due to a combination of urban heat island effects, lower income levels, and a high percentage of residents in vulnerable age groups—specifically those under age 14 or over age 65. These factors, combined with the increased frequency of severe weather events, highlight the urgent need for targeted resilience measures to protect vulnerable populations.

FEMA's National Risk Index identifies Broward County as having a relatively moderate level of community resilience, indicating that its residents have a relatively moderate ability to prepare for, adapt to, and recover from natural hazards. This assessment encompasses six broad categories: social, economic, community capital, institutional, infrastructural, and environmental factors at the county level. The map below illustrates FEMA's qualitative risk to natural hazards at the census tract level within the city,

providing an intuitive way to gauge community risk based on Expected Annual Loss (EAL), Social Vulnerability, and Community Resilience scores.

Risk levels across Lauderhill range from relatively moderate to very high. Targeted mitigation across the city could help lower the overall risk and create a more balanced risk profile across the city. These two indexes measure risk from different perspectives—FEMA's risk index evaluates a community's ability to respond to hazards (resilience), while the city's qualitative assessment concentrates on the likelihood and severity of those hazards. This dual approach ensures that resources are allocated where they are most needed, promoting both preparedness and targeted intervention. The city must continue to address these geographic challenges by anticipating, planning, and adapting to the risks associated with climate change and the potential demographic shifts affecting vulnerable communities.

Lauderhill prioritizes community education and disaster preparedness through a comprehensive, multiplatform approach. The Emergency Management Division of the Fire Rescue Department disseminates timely information on mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery via its website, social media channels, and Code Red emergency alert system. The Fire Rescue Department offers a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, training individuals in basic disaster response skills to assist their communities and workplaces when professional emergency services are delayed. Residents also have access to the Broward County Office of Emergency Management's resources, including its website, social media platforms, and the Alert!Broward notification system. Lauderhill residents who may be at risk during emergencies can enroll in the Vulnerable Population Registry, a joint initiative with Broward County that helps emergency workers plan more effective recovery efforts. Additionally, Florida Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) helps coordinate response efforts, communicate urgent needs to the National VOAD network, and provides critical support to communities affected by disasters.

See map: Risk to All Natural Hazards

# **Strategic Plan**

# **SP-05 Overview**

# **Strategic Plan Overview**

The Strategic Plan outlines the City of Lauderhill's housing and community development strategy for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. This plan specifies how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be utilized to meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) objectives of creating suitable living environments and providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for low- to moderate-income (LMI) households and groups with special needs within the City. The City identified priority needs through data analysis and public engagement, which included input from local nonprofit organizations. Addressing these priority needs forms the basis of the five-year Strategic Plan.

The City does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements. It will consider investments in both low/mod areas and for eligible individuals citywide in its five-year plan. Low/mod areas (LMA) are primarily residential and have at least 51 percent of residents who are considered low- and moderate-income persons as defined by HUD. The boundaries of these areas are defined at the block group tract level. Eligible activities that may have LMA benefits are public improvements such as those to neighborhood facilities, community centers or infrastructure like roads and streets. The City also provides assistance to low- and moderate-income clientele/individuals (LMC) and households (LMH) who earn 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or less. This assistance is provided citywide and is based on eligibility. These benefits are associated with direct services to individuals and families that are not targeted to areas; however, must meet income qualifications in order to be eligible.

The following are the five (5) priority needs and associated goals identified in the Strategic Plan. More details of the priority needs are given in the SP-25 and the goals are detailed in the SP-45.

**Priority Need: Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements** 

1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs

**Priority Need: Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure** 

2A Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure

**Priority Need: Economic Development Opportunities** 

3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance

**Priority Need: Affordable Housing Preservation** 

4A Affordable Housing Preservation

**Priority Need: Effective Program Administration** 

5A Effective Program Administration

# **SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)**

# **Geographic Area**

1	Area Name:	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible
	Area Type:	Other
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Citywide Low/Mod Areas in Lauderhill are block group tracts where at least 51 percent of the residents are low- and moderate-income persons. HUD designates this objective as a low/mod area benefit (LMA). Several areas of focus in the past were the Central and Eastern Lauderhill neighborhoods between NW 31st Avenue, west to 55th Avenue, North from Broward Boulevard to Oakland Park Blvd. These neighborhoods have long experienced disproportionate need and are covered in this target area.
		The City also provides assistance to low- and moderate-income clientele (individuals) and households (LMC/LMH) who earn 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or less. This assistance is provided citywide and is based on eligibility. These benefits are associated with direct services to individuals and families that are not targeted to areas; however, must meet income qualifications in order to be eligible.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	The population of Lauderhill has been growing steadily in the past decade (8.4%), and to meet this need the number of housing units have also increased. As estimated 6% of owner-occupied units and 3% of renter-occupied units were built after 2000. While there has been some development, there are still a large number of older units in need of repair or improvement. An estimated 63% of all owner-occupied units and 71% of renter-occupied were built before 1980 (Source: 2019-2023 ACS). Naturally, older housing units may have higher maintenance needs, and a greater risk of lead-based paint hazards.

How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? As part of the plan development process, the City of Lauderhill held a public hearing and provided a public comment period to give citizens the chance to review and comment on the plan. Additionally, the City consulted with local community stakeholders to identify housing and community development needs. These needs were determined through meetings with nonprofits, local government offices, and citizens throughout the City. Finally, a community survey was also made available online for public input.

# Identify the needs in this target area.

Affordable housing development and preservation is a priority for Lauderhill and its residents. As with many cities across the country, cost burden is the biggest housing issues in the City. Over a quarter of homeowners with a mortgage (51%) and half of renters are cost burdened (73%). The most recent ACS data also shows that over two-thirds of the housing in the City were built before 1980. As reported in the MA-50, low/mod areas have seen less housing development than other parts of Lauderhill, contributing to a shortage of updated housing options for low- to moderate-income households.

Supportive services for LMI individuals and families are also a priority for Lauderhill. Public services are essential in supporting LMI individuals, seniors, persons with disabilities, and at-risk populations in Lauderhill. As reported in the NA-50, the City prioritizes supportive services addressing homelessness, youth development, senior assistance, and economic stability.

As identified in the NA-50, public facilities and infrastructure improvement activities are a priority. The City of Lauderhill recognizes the necessity for ongoing investment in public facilities to adequately serve its LMI residents, enhance community accessibility, and support a growing population. Priorities include upgrading neighborhood centers, parks, and community service buildings to ensure they are safe, accessible, and functional for all residents. Emphasis is placed on facilities serving special needs populations, such as the elderly and persons with disabilities. Public infrastructure activities aim to enhance safety, accessibility, and community resilience through projects focusing on street and sidewalk improvements, stormwater drainage systems, and ADA-compliant enhancements to public spaces.

What are the opportunities Affordable housing rehab activities such as including the rehab for improvement in this target program will increase and maintain the affordable housing stock area? for LMI households in the City. Public services will help improve the quality of life for residents, address housing instability and homelessness. Continued investment in public services enhances community resilience, promotes self-sufficiency, and ensures residents have access to critical resources. Public facilities and infrastructure improvement activities will improve and revitalize neighborhoods and increase other public and private investments into these areas. Continued investments demonstrated the positive impact of infrastructure improvements on mobility, safety, and environmental challenges. The City recognizes that supporting the Lauderhill CRA, which is actively engaged in upgrading public infrastructure, reducing blight, and encouraging reinvestment along commercial corridors is an opportunity. These projects can enhance neighborhood aesthetics, improve safety, and attract new businesses. Expanded transit connections would also improve resident access to jobs and services across the region, particularly for those without reliable transportation. See the MA-50 for other strategic opportunities in low/mod areas. Are there barriers to Access to funding is a barrier to improvements in the City of improvement in this target Lauderhill. area?

**Table 11 - Geographic Priority Areas** 

# **General Allocation Priorities**

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction

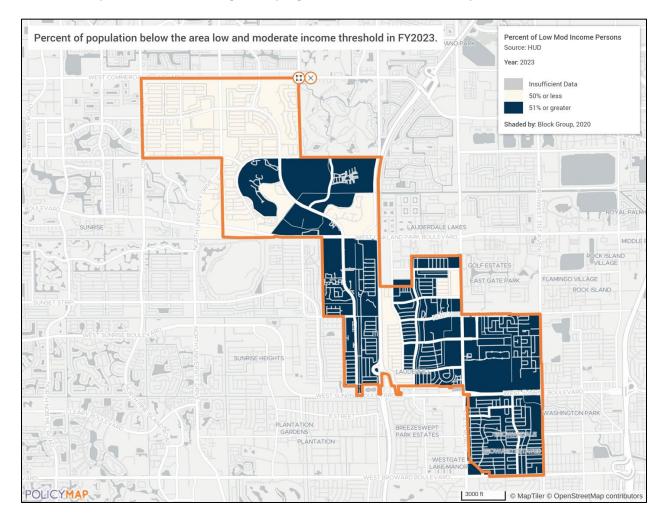
The City of Lauderhill does not necessarily target funds geographically; however funds must serve lowand moderate-income individuals and families, or be directed towards neighborhoods with a majority low/mod income population.

Direct services such as public services and affordable housing rehabilitation are based on household income eligibility rather than area benefit. For example, when planned activities are intended to serve individuals or households directly, beneficiaries must meet income qualifications, as well as residency requirements (residing within the City), in order to receive assistance from the program. These benefits are defined for individuals as low/mod clientele (LMC), or for households as low/mod households (LMH).

City staff and/or one of its subrecipient agencies will complete an application and determine eligibility of the applicant before the activity is initiated.

Public facility and infrastructure improvement activities will serve a community or neighborhood. These activities are said to have an "area-wide" benefit. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible Low/Mod Block Group Tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations, whereby the majority of the residents are low- to moderate-income (or 51%). This objective is defined by HUD as a low/mod area (LMA) benefit. Several areas of focus in the past were the Central and Eastern Lauderhill neighborhoods between NW 31st Avenue, west to 55th Avenue, North from Broward Boulevard to Oakland Park Blvd. These neighborhoods have long experienced disproportionate need and are covered in the low/mod target area.

To determine LMI tracts the City utilizes HUD's CDBG Low Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD) from the HUD Exchange website, which has defined the eligible block group tracts within the jurisdiction. The tracts can be at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/.



**FY 2023 Low-Mod Block Group Tracts** 

# **SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)**

# **Priority Needs**

1	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible
	Associated Goals	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Associated Goals  Description	There is a need for supportive services to help assist and improve the lives of LMI households and special needs groups such seniors, persons with disabilities, and at-risk populations in Lauderhill. The City prioritizes supportive services addressing homelessness, youth development, senior assistance, and economic stability. Programs offering job training, mental health services, financial assistance, and emergency housing support are crucial for community well-being. Expanding services for youth and seniors ensures access to educational opportunities, recreational programs, and social support. Additionally, the City focuses on public safety, health services, and emergency assistance to support vulnerable populations. CDBG funding aids supportive services for special needs populations, including individuals facing housing insecurity and victims of domestic violence. Continued investment in public services enhances community resilience, promotes self-sufficiency, and ensures residents have access to critical resources. For a summary of public service needs in Lauderhill, see the NA-50.
		The City's Grants and Community Development Division also identified several key priority areas include quality healthcare access, neighborhood and environment, expanded social and community engagement and resources, economic stability, and quality education access. The City collaborates with service partners and the community employing a collaborative approach to understanding the needs of residents, and addressing these needs.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Through community participation and consultation of local stakeholder partners and organizations the need for public services for LMI and special needs persons was identified. Public hearings and resident feedback helped assess priority service needs and also helped to identify populations that were underserved. Input from local nonprofit organizations and government departments provided insights into the demand for social services, ensuring resources are directed toward
		programs with the highest impact on the LMI community. The basis for this need is to provide access to services and sustainability for LMI residents in Lauderhill.
2	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	2A Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Description	There is a need to improve public facilities and infrastructure in low/mod areas of Lauderhill. As reported in the NA-50, priorities include upgrading neighborhood centers, parks, and community service buildings to ensure they are safe, accessible, and functional for all residents. Emphasis is placed on facilities serving special needs populations, such as the elderly and persons with disabilities. Additionally, the City is committed to modernizing public buildings to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), improve energy efficiency, and provide resilient spaces for community programs. Public infrastructure needs are street and sidewalk improvements, stormwater drainage systems, and ADA-compliant enhancements to public spaces. These initiatives are vital for maintaining safe transportation networks, mitigating flood risks, and fostering pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Through public hearings and consultations with local agencies and stakeholders revealed public facility and infrastructure deficiencies and the need for upgrades in LMI areas were identified. In particular for the public facilities such as neighborhood facilities, community centers and parks there was feedback from public hearings, local service providers, and previous housing and community development reports that further highlighted gaps in facility availability in Lauderhill. The basis is to improve accessibility for all residents and create a suitable living environment.
3	Priority Need Name	Economic Development Opportunities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible
	Associated Goals	3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance
	Description	There is a need to support small businesses in Lauderhill to create and retain jobs. The MA-45 reports that local businesses emphasize the necessity for a skilled workforce adept in current industry demands. Programs that will be prioritized are workforce training; and technical support services to small businesses and startups, facilitating job creation and economic development.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through community participation and consultation of local stakeholder partners and organizations the need for economic development was identified. The basis for this need is to provide sustainability for LMI residents.
4	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing Preservation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible
	Associated Goals	4A Affordable Housing Preservation
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	Description	The preservation and development of affordable housing is a priority need for low- to-moderate income households in Lauderhill. As with most cities across the country, housing cost burden is one of the largest housing problems. According to the 2019-2023 ACS data, 51% of homeowners with a mortgage and 73% of renters are cost burdened (paying more than 30% of income towards housing costs). To compound this issue, a large portion of housing is also very old. An estimated 63% of all owner-occupied units and 71% of renter-occupied were built before 1980 (Source: 2019-2023 ACS).				
		As reported in the MA-50, low-income neighborhoods often contain a higher share of renter-occupied housing units than the citywide average. Much of the housing stock in these areas are older and built before 1980, and many properties are now in need of modernization or rehabilitation. There has been recent, but limited residential development in these areas, contributing to a shortage of updated housing options for LMI households.				
	Basis for Relative Priority	nrough community participation and consultation of local stakeholder are need to preserve affordable housing was identified. The basis is to reate or maintain affordable housing for LMI residents in Lauderhill.				
5	Priority Need Name	Effective Program Administration				
	Priority Level	High				
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development				
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible				
	Associated Goals	5A Effective Program Administration				
	Description	Effective program management will include general administration and planning of the CDBG grant program, monitoring subrecipients, reporting and managing grant financials. Planning involves the development of AAPs, annual reports, and meeting citizen participation requirements.				
	Basis for Relative Priority	There is a need to provide effective management of the CDBG grant program that will ensure compliance and regulation of the grant. Effective program administration ensures that the City meets the established objectives in the plan.				

Table 12 – Priority Needs Summary

# SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

### Introduction

The City of Lauderhill anticipates receiving a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation of \$780,917 for Program Year (PY) 2025. The City plans to use these funds for improvements to public facilities, public services, and program administration. PY 2025 marks the first planning year of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and the City expects to receive similar allocation amounts throughout the remainder of this plan period. It is important to note that no program income will be generated from the activities outlined in this plan.

# **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Ехре	ected Amoui	nt Available Ye	ear 1	Expected Amount	Narrative Description
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public -	Acquisition						PY 2025 is the first year of
	federal	Admin and Planning						the ConPlan. Four (4x)
		Economic						more years of the annual
		Development						allocation is expected for
		Housing						the remainder of the
		Public Improvements						ConPlan period.
		Public Services	780,917.00	0.00	0.00	780,917.00	3,123,668.00	

**Table 13 - Anticipated Resources** 

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds will be utilized to enhance the resources available, thereby increasing the level of assistance the City can offer or expanding the scope of the projects that can be initiated. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds do not require a matching contribution. To maximize funding opportunities, the City also invests general funds in public facility improvements that are supported by CDBG funding.

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Project funds are focused on ultimately improving the health outcomes, economic prosperity, and environmental and safety needs of those living and working in Lauderhill. Key priority areas include quality healthcare access, neighborhood and environment, expanded social and community engagement and resources, economic stability, and quality education access.

The Broward County HOME Consortium provides HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to the City for its affordable housing initiatives. In addition to federal funding, the City also receives non-federal resources, including funds from the State of Florida's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. SHIP funds are allocated for housing projects in accordance with the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP), which has been adopted by the City Commission.

# If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the state that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

All City-owned inventory has been mapped as part of the State's requirement for maintaining a printed inventory of locally-owned land suitable for affordable housing. The parcels owned by the City are designated for public use, including parks, streets, or landscape buffers, or they may not have the appropriate zoning for housing. However, recent land acquisitions in Central Lauderhill by the City of Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency and the Lauderhill Housing Authority are suitable for affordable housing. These parcels will be included in an in-fill housing program aimed at very low- and moderate-income families. The City Commission will periodically review the inventory of City-owned lands to assess their suitability for use as affordable housing.

### Discussion

The PY 2025 Annual Action Plan outlines the use of CDBG funds and how the City will address the needs of LMI and special needs communities with those funds. With federal and state funding the City expects to achieve the established housing and community development goals for its low- and moderate-income households in this plan.

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# SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Responsible		Geographic Area
	<b>Entity Type</b>		Served
LAUDERHILL	Government	Economic Development	Jurisdiction
		Planning	
		neighborhood	
		improvements	
		public facilities	
		public services	
BROWARD COUNTY	Government	Homelessness	Region
		Planning	
BROWARD COUNTY	Continuum of	Homelessness	Region
HOMELESS INITIATIVE	care	Planning	
PARTNERSHIP			

**Table 14 - Institutional Delivery Structure** 

# Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The Finance Department of the City of Lauderhill is primarily responsible for implementing the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, which includes administering the CDBG programs outlined in the plan. These CDBG programs will focus on public services, public facilities, affordable housing preservation, and economic development throughout the five-year planning period. The City is committed to improving its organizational structure and will foster open communication with several departments: Administration, Finance, Public Works, Parks and Leisure Services, Building, Code Enforcement, Police, and Fire. Additionally, the City will collaborate with and act as a liaison for the Lauderhill Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to address the City's housing needs.

For affordable housing programs, the City will administer SHIP and HOME housing programs that offer grant assistance to homebuyers and current homeowners seeking funding for minor rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units. Staff will coordinate with various City Departments, as well as partner with local non-profit agencies and private entities to meet the goals set forth within the plan, by providing assisted housing services, health services and social and fair housing services.

As the general lack of funds to address all identified needs in the City is the main obstacle in meeting underserved needs, and the City will continue to explore additional funding sources to leverage its federal, state, and local resources.

# Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention	Available in the	Targeted to	Targeted to People							
Services	Community	Homeless	with HIV							
Homelessness Prevention Services										
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X								
Legal Assistance	X	X								
Mortgage Assistance										
Rental Assistance	Χ									
Utilities Assistance										
	Street Outreach S	ervices								
Law Enforcement	Χ									
Mobile Clinics	X									
Other Street Outreach Services										
	Supportive Serv	vices .								
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Χ									
Child Care	Χ									
Education	Χ	Χ								
Employment and Employment										
Training	Χ	Χ								
Healthcare	Χ	Χ								
HIV/AIDS	Х									
Life Skills	Х	Х								
Mental Health Counseling	Х									
Transportation	Х									
	Other									
Other										

**Table 15 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary** 

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (CoC) addresses all issues related to homeless individuals and those at risk of becoming homeless in the area, including Lauderhill. Monthly meetings are held alongside the Broward County HOME Consortium meeting to discuss and collaborate on planning activities aimed at reducing homelessness and preventing individuals at risk from becoming homeless. A representative from the City of Lauderhill attends these meetings each month. CoC members contribute to gathering data and reviewing reports that assess the needs of the homeless population in Broward County. The City will continue to play an active role in the discussions and initiatives proposed by the CoC to address the needs of its homeless residents.

The CoC utilizes the Coordinated Entry Assessment System process, which helps to coordinate target homeless groups with housing and community resources. These groups include chronically Homeless Households; children and families; unaccompanied youth ages 18-24; veterans and their families; and atrisk and difficult to serve Individuals who are not chronic. The Coordinated Entry Assessment System helps to prevent these groups from becoming homeless or return to homelessness.

The CoC manages the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is a web-based software application used to collect demographic information and report service outcomes on people experiencing homelessness served in the CoC area. HMIS enables homeless service providers to collect uniform client information over time. This system is part of an essential effort to streamline client services, inform public policy decision-makers, improve coordination of services among providers of housing and services to homeless clients, inform advocacy efforts, and assist the CoC in establishing policies that result in targeted services to reduce the time persons experience homelessness. Analysis of information gathered through HMIS is critical to accurately calculate the size, characteristics, and needs of homeless populations. The data collected is necessary to service and systems planning, and advocacy.

The State of Florida's State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funding is also a major resource, and is allocated to municipalities receiving federal grants. SHIP funding provides down-payment and minor repair funding assistance to low- and moderate-income residents, including those who are at-risk of homelessness. Limited SHIP grant funding in recent years however has had a negative impact, as down payment assistance grants, which were in some cases, limited the only means for many low-income homebuyers to pursue their goal of homeownership.

# Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

Lauderhill has a high number of multi-family housing units managed by local public housing authorities, as well as households assisted by the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. These vouchers are administered by the housing authorities within the County. Therefore, the City recognizes the importance of fostering relationships with these authorities to ensure that the housing needs of residents are being addressed and that suitable housing is provided. Housing Choice Vouchers are a vital resource for low-income households, including the elderly and those with disabilities, helping them find affordable housing that is accessible and accommodating to their specific needs.

Additionally, the City is committed to modernizing neighborhood facilities to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Further, the City has identified public infrastructure needs, which are ADA-compliant enhancements to street, sidewalk improvements, and public spaces such as parks and recreational centers.

The primary gap in the City's delivery system is the lack of current funding available to very low- and low-income individuals looking to enter the housing market.

# Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The City of Lauderhill will continue to seek ways to enhance its support for public service providers while staying within the financial limits of its budget. The City plans to collaborate with nonprofit housing providers to deliver affordable housing projects during the upcoming Consolidated Planning period. Additionally, it will explore methods to support these organizations and strengthen their capacity by efficiently and effectively leveraging funding from local, state, and federal sources.

# SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

# **Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	1A Supportive	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide	Public Services &	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Services for LMI &			Community	Low/Mod	Quality of Life	\$585,685.00	other than Low/Moderate
	Special Needs			Development	Eligible	Improvements		Income Housing Benefit:
								500 Persons Assisted
2	2A Improve Public	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide	Improve Public	CDBG:	Public Facility or
	Facilities &			Community	Low/Mod	Facilities &	\$373,670.00	Infrastructure Activities
	Infrastructure			Development	Eligible	Infrastructure		other than Low/Moderate
								Income Housing Benefit:
								350000 Persons Assisted
3	3A Provide for	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide	Economic	CDBG:	Businesses Assisted: 20
	Small Businesses			Community	Low/Mod	Development	\$914,315.00	Businesses
	Assistance			Development	Eligible	Opportunities		
4	4A Affordable	2025	2029	Affordable	Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	Housing			Housing	Low/Mod	Preservation	\$1,250,000.00	Rehabilitated: 20
	Preservation				Eligible			Household Housing Unit
5	5A Effective	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide	Effective Program	CDBG:	Other: 5 Other
	Program			Community	Low/Mod	Administration	\$780,915.00	
	Administration			Development	Eligible			

Table 16 – Goals Summary

# **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs		
	Goal Description	Provide supportive services for low income and special needs populations in the City. Funded supportive services will help address homelessness, youth development, senior services, and self-sustainability programs such as job training.		
2	Goal Name	2A Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure		
	Goal Description	Expand and improve access to public facilities through development activities for LMI persons and households and for special needs population (elderly, persons with a disability, victims of domestic abuse, etc.). Public facilities may include neighborhood facilities, community centers and parks and recreation facilities.		
3 Goal Name 3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance				
	Goal Description	Provide economic development support using funds to assist small businesses in the jurisdiction. Economic development activities will help create and retain jobs for LMI individuals.		
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	4A Affordable Housing Preservation		
	Goal Description	Provide homeowner housing rehab activities for the purpose of affordable housing preservation in the City of Lauderhill. Services will be targeted towards eligible LMI elderly households living in the City.		
5	Goal Name	5A Effective Program Administration		
	Goal Description	Provide effective program management of the CDBG grant program that will ensure compliance with grant regulations and that the program activities meet their established objectives. Planning will involve the development of annual action plans, reports, fair housing outreach and citizen participation requirements.		

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The City estimates that it will assist low- to moderate-income households over the next five years with affordable housing activities:

Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit

# SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

# Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

The City's strategy for addressing lead-based paint hazards involves proactive measures within its Home Repair and Purchase Assistance programs. Inspections are conducted to identify potential hazards, with trained inspectors utilizing EPA-compliant methods and safe practices for lead-based paint testing. This approach ensures that any identified hazards are managed on a case-by-case basis, following regulations for handling lead-based paint hazards.

For homes constructed before 1978 participating in CDBG and HOME programs, the City distributes EPA's Protect Your Home pamphlets to inform homeowners and buyers about lead hazards. Certified professionals conduct visual inspections, and detailed inspection reports are meticulously documented and stored in each client's file to maintain compliance with regulatory standards.

# How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

According to 2019-2023 ACS data, an estimated 8,878 owner-occupied housing units and 8,721 renter-occupied units were built before 1980. That amounts to an estimated 63% of homeowner-occupied and 71% of renter-occupied housing units built before 1980, which represents a significant number of homes with the potential of LBP hazards.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children under the age of 6 are at greatest risk for health problems caused by lead exposure. Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health and cause well-documented health effects, including damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems, and hearing and speech problems. If any child under the age of 6 tests for lead poisoning, the City will refer the family immediately to the local health department.

# How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

See above actions that the City will take to address LBP hazards.

# SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

# Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

According to the 2019-2023 ACS data, the poverty rate in Lauderhill is 19.0%, which is much higher than the overall County rate of 12.2%. To help reduce the number of families living in poverty, the City funds affordable housing initiatives specifically targeting low- to moderate-income (LMI) households and special needs populations, such as the elderly, who are at risk of homelessness. Addressing housing instability is a crucial step for LMI households to achieve financial stability and work towards economic self-sustainability. The City utilizes CDBG funds to support programs and services designed to prevent and alleviate poverty such as youth development, senior services, and self-sustainability programs.

Additionally, the City invests in neighborhood facilities in low/mod areas, providing accessibility to those in need of crucial services offered by the City and community development providers. These CDBG funded programs will target LMI individuals and households, and activities intended to benefit communities and neighborhoods will target only low/mod areas as defined by HUD's Low/Mod Summary Income Data (see more details on HUD LMISD data in the SP-10).

The City's anti-poverty strategy will also include the Section 3 Policy, which will provide economic opportunities for the residents of the area. Activities that support and assist small business in target areas have the added bonus to address both the need and economically support the target population. The City will continue to support small business development through activities such as continuation of commercial rehabilitation, job incentives programs, technical assistance and business planning and marketing directed towards job creation.

# How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

During the five-year Consolidated Plan period, Lauderhill will select projects for funding that are designed to reduce the number of persons in poverty. The City will collaborate with other departments, nonprofit service providers and local/county organizations that operate programs which similarly have a goal of reducing the poverty level in Lauderhill. Actions that the City will implement over the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan include:

- Target federal resources to low/mod block group tracts which are likely have high poverty rates;
- Enhance accessibility to public facilities and infrastructure in low/mod areas;
- Fund housing rehabilitation activities for LMI homeowner households and the elderly;
- Support small businesses to create and retain jobs for LMI individuals;
- Fund supportive services for LMI individuals that help alleviate housing instability, improve financial security, and address homelessness.

# **SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230**

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

In program years where the City funds public services and utilizes subrecipients, it follows Managing CDBG: A Guidebook for Grantees on Subrecipient Oversight. The monitoring process begins with the application stage and carries through the award, management, and then closeout stages. The City has the following procedures in place when funds are awarded to sub-recipients:

Application Stage: For public service and public modernization projects, the City issues a Notice of Funding Availability. Submitted applications are assessed for risk and evaluated by a committee based on a past participation reviews provided with the application materials.

Award Stage: Contracts are prepared using templates created by the Grants Division. Reporting and monitoring requirements are included in the subrecipient agreement reviewed by the City Attorney. Agreements are reviewed with the sub-recipients. Staff is required to set up projects, approve funding requests for reimbursements and draw down funding. The set up and draw down process is as a means of checks and balances.

Managing Stage: Requests for reimbursements are reviewed by the Grants Division for appropriateness, completeness, and accuracy. Accomplishments are entered into IDIS. Concerns are initially communicated informally via phone or email and technical assistance is provided to ensure program compliance and long-term program success. On-site monitoring is generally conducted on at least an annual basis. Follow-ups are also sent if discrepancies are found.

Closeout Stage: Grants Division staff ensures that all documentation related to project performance and financial obligations are received. The respective activities are then completed in IDIS.

Further, staff conducts a self-monitoring to ensure compliance with the action plan submitted to HUD and adheres to the federal guidelines governing each program. This includes all report compliance, federal draw down and commitment requirements, the number and types of units and services created by the program, occupancy data and income targeting requirements. The grants department regularly checks in with other city departments that utilize CDBG funds to ensure all requirements are being met.

The comprehensive planning requirements include the community planning and development process of the 5-Year ConPlan, subsequent AAPs, and CAPERs as per 24 CFR 91 Subpart A, C & F. Citizen participation is a vital part of the consolidated plan process, and the City will make sure to follow its HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) which helps guide staff to gather community input which is an essential component in identifying the priority needs in the City. The ConPlan is developed every 5 years, with goals

to address these needs. Each year of the 5-Year plan, the City develops an AAP which identifies the projects and activities that will address and further the goals of the plan. This plan is required to be submitted to and approved by HUD each year to receive CDBG funding annually. At the end of each AAP program year, the City will report on the accomplishments and performance of the program through the CAPER. Citizen participation is required in the development of each of these stages as per 24 CFR 91.105.

# **Expected Resources**

# AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

### Introduction

The City of Lauderhill anticipates receiving a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation of \$780,917 for Program Year (PY) 2025. The City plans to use these funds for improvements to public facilities, public services, and program administration. PY 2025 marks the first planning year of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and the City expects to receive similar allocation amounts throughout the remainder of this plan period. It is important to note that no program income will be generated from the activities outlined in this plan.

# **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			ear 1	<b>Expected Amount</b>	Narrative Description
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public -	Acquisition						PY 2025 is the first year of
	federal	Admin and Planning						the ConPlan. Four (4x)
		Economic						more years of the annual
		Development						allocation is expected for
		Housing						the remainder of the
		Public Improvements						ConPlan period.
		Public Services	780,917.00	0.00	0.00	780,917.00	3,123,668.00	

**Table 17 - Expected Resources - Priority Table** 

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

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maximize funding opportunities, the City also invests general funds in public facility improvements that are supported by CDBG funding.

The City's public service activities are funded through the City's Grants and Community Development Division. The City collaborates with service partners and the community employing a collaborative approach to understanding the needs of residents, and addressing these needs. Project funds are focused on ultimately improving the health outcomes, economic prosperity, and environmental and safety needs of those living and working in Lauderhill. Key priority areas include quality healthcare access, neighborhood and environment, expanded social and community engagement and resources, economic stability, and quality education access.

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#### Discussion

The PY 2025 Annual Action Plan outlines the use of CDBG funds and how the City will address the needs of LMI and special needs communities with those funds. With federal and state funding the City expects to achieve the established housing and community development goals for its low- and moderate-income households in this plan.

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## **Annual Goals and Objectives**

## AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

### **Goals Summary Information**

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator	
Order 1	1 A Cupportive	Year	<b>Year</b> 2029	Non Housing	Area	Public Services &	CDBG:	Public service activities	
1	1A Supportive	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide				
	Services for LMI &			Community	Low/Mod	Quality of Life	\$117,137.00	other than Low/Moderate	
	Special Needs			Development	Eligible	Improvements		Income Housing Benefit:	
								100 Persons Assisted	
2	2A Improve Public	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide	Improve Public	CDBG:	Public Facility or	
	Facilities &			Community	Low/Mod	Facilities &	\$74,734.00	Infrastructure Activities	
	Infrastructure			Development	Eligible	Infrastructure		other than Low/Moderate	
								Income Housing Benefit:	
								70000 Persons Assisted	
3	3A Provide for Small	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide	Economic	CDBG:	Businesses Assisted: 4	
	Businesses			Community	Low/Mod	Development	\$182,863.00	Businesses	
	Assistance			Development	Eligible	Opportunities			
4	4A Affordable	2025	2029	Affordable	Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing	
	Housing			Housing	Low/Mod	Preservation	\$250,000.00	Rehabilitated: 4 Household	
	Preservation				Eligible			Housing Unit	
5	5A Effective	2025	2029	Non-Housing	Citywide	Effective Program	CDBG:	Other: 1 Other	
	Program			Community	Low/Mod	Administration	\$156,183.00		
	Administration			Development	Eligible				

Table 18 – Goals Summary

## **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Goal Description	Provide supportive services for low income and special needs populations in the City. Funded supportive services will help address homelessness, youth development, senior services, and self-sustainability programs such as job training.
2	Goal Name	2A Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Expand and improve access to public facilities through development activities for LMI persons and households and for special needs population (elderly, persons with a disability, victims of domestic abuse, etc.). Public facilities may include neighborhood facilities, community centers and parks and recreation facilities.
3	Goal Name	3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide economic development support using funds to assist small businesses in the jurisdiction. Economic development activities will help create and retain jobs for LMI individuals.
4	Goal Name	4A Affordable Housing Preservation
	Goal Description	Provide homeowner housing rehab activities for the purpose of affordable housing preservation in the City of Lauderhill. Services will be targeted towards eligible LMI elderly households living in the City.
5	Goal Name	5A Effective Program Administration
	Goal Description	Provide effective program management of the CDBG grant program that will ensure compliance with grant regulations and that the program activities meet their established objectives. Planning will involve the development of annual action plans, reports, fair housing outreach and citizen participation requirements.

#### AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The projects outlined in this PY 2025 Annual Action Plan respond to community development needs identified in the strategic plan, as well as through a formal citizen participation and consultation process conducted by the City. The following AP-38 table provides a description of the selected projects and programs that will receive funding in the program year.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Program Administration
2	CDBG Public Facility Improvements
3	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
4	CDBG Public Services
5	CDBG Economic Development

**Table 19 – Project Information** 

## Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

While the City has five priority needs, due to funding limitations and priorities not all needs can be addressed each year. In PY 2025, the City will focus on public facility improvements and public services for LMI households. The following priorities have been identified to have a high need and may be addressed in the future.

Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improvements activities will receive high priority for funding. Eligible project proposals that benefit low to moderate income areas in the City of Lauderhill will be considered for funding. These types of projects are said to have a low/mod area benefit.

Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements are also a high need. At this time, public services are funded by the City's Grants and Community Development Division, which focuses on improving the health outcomes, economic prosperity, and environmental and safety needs of those living and working in Lauderhill. When public services are funded by CDBG, total grants awarded towards this priority may not exceed 15% of the total FY grant allocation.

Housing rehab for LMI homeowners has been identified as a high need. Housing rehab is an eligible activity under the CDBG program. Housing rehab will not be funded with 2025 CDBG funds.

Economic development opportunities are also a need in Lauderhill. These activities are intended to assist small businesses for the purpose of job creation and/or retention. Economic development activities will not be funded with 2025 CDBG funds.

The major obstacle the City faces is not having sufficient funds to address all priority needs in each annual

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## **AP-38 Project Summary**

### **Project Summary Information**

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•	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration					
	Target Area	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible					
	Goals Supported	5A Effective Program Administration  Effective Program Administration  CDBG: \$156,183.00					
	Needs Addressed						
	Funding						
	Description	Administration of the CDBG program for PY 2025. This activity will provide general management, oversight, and coordination of the program.					
	Target Date	9/30/2026					
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A. Other: 1					
	Location Description	Citywide, eligible					
	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG program (21A).					
2	Project Name	CDBG Public Facility Improvements					
	Target Area	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible					
	Goals Supported	2A Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure					
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities					
	Funding	CDBG: \$74,734.00					
	Description	This project will provide funding for improvements and rehabilitation of public park facilities that serve low/mod area residents (LMA).					
	Target Date	9/30/2026					
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70000 Persons Assisted					
	Leader Breedel	This activity will serve the low/mod areas Citywide.					
	Location Description	Citywide, low/mod					
	Planned Activities	Planned activities are:					
		Public park facility improvements (03F)					

3	Project Name	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation						
	Target Area	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible						
	Goals Supported	4A Affordable Housing Preservation						
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation						
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000.00						
	Description	The City will fund affordable housing preservation through the housing rehabilitation program. This project will serve low- to moderate-income households.						
	Target Date	9/30/2026						
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit						
	Location Description	Citywide, low/mod						
	Planned Activities	Planned activities are:						
		Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation (14A)						
4	Project Name	CDBG Public Services						
	Target Area	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible						
	Goals Supported	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs						
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements						
	Funding	CDBG: \$117,137.00						
	Description	The City will fund public services that benefit low- to moderate-income and special need persons. Funding for public services may not exceed 15% of the grant allocation.						
	Target Date	9/30/2026						
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted						
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide, low/mod						
	Planned Activities	Planned activities may include senior services (05A), services for persons with a disability (05B), youth services (05D) and homeless programs (03T).						
5	Project Name	CDBG Economic Development						
	Target Area	Citywide Low/Mod Eligible						

Goals Supported	3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance				
Needs Addressed	Economic Development Opportunities				
Funding	CDBG: \$182,863.00				
Description	The City will fund economic development activities that help retain and/or create jobs for small businesses in Lauderhill.				
Target Date	9/30/2026				
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Businesses Assisted: 4 Businesses				
Location Description	Citywide, low/mod				
Planned Activities	Planned activities will include:				
	Small Business (Micro-Enterprise) Assistance (18C).				

#### AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

# Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Funds will be allocated based on the specific needs of the population eligible for CDBG funding, as well as on an as-needed basis. Generally, CDBG-funded activities do not target specific communities or neighborhoods in Lauderhill; instead, they are offered throughout low- to moderate-income areas of the City. Thus, funds will be directed to the areas with the greatest need to ensure maximum benefits for the community.

Housing programs will target eligible LMI individuals and family households. The City has developed programs for home repair, emergency hurricane assistance for elderly and handicap, emergency rehabilitation assistance for elderly and handicap and rental assistance for families. These programs are funded by CDBG, HOME funds allocated to the City through its participation in the Broward County HOME Consortium, and State of Florida, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funds.

See the "Discussion" for low-income and minority concentrations.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide Low/Mod Eligible	100

**Table 20 - Geographic Distribution** 

#### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Lauderhill does not necessarily target funds geographically; however funds must serve lowand moderate-income individuals and families, or be directed towards neighborhoods with a majority low/mod income population.

Direct services such as public services and affordable housing rehabilitation are based on household income eligibility rather than area benefit. For example, when planned activities are intended to serve individuals or households directly, beneficiaries must meet income qualifications, as well as residency requirements (residing within the City), in order to receive assistance from the program. These benefits are defined for individuals as low/mod clientele (LMC), or for households as low/mod households (LMH). City staff and/or one of its subrecipient agencies will complete an application and determine eligibility of the applicant before the activity is initiated.

Public facility and infrastructure improvement activities will serve a community or neighborhood. These activities are said to have an "area-wide" benefit. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible Low/Mod Block Group Tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations, whereby the majority of the residents are low- to moderate-income (or 51%). This objective is defined by HUD as a low/mod area (LMA) benefit. Several areas of focus in the past were the Central and Eastern Lauderhill neighborhoods between NW 31st Avenue, west to 55th Avenue, North from Broward Boulevard to Oakland Park Blvd.

These neighborhoods have long experienced disproportionate need and are covered in the low/mod target area.

To determine LMI tracts the City utilizes HUD's CDBG Low Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD) from the HUD Exchange website, which has defined the eligible block group tracts within the jurisdiction. The tracts can be at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/.

#### Discussion

#### Low-Income Households Concentration

A "low-income concentration" is any census tract where the median household income (MHI) is 80% or less than the MHI for the City of Lauderhill. According to the 2019-2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the MHI in Lauderhill is \$49,685. A tract is considered to have a low-income concentration if the MHI is \$39,748 or less. Two tracts in the southern half of the City have a concentration: 412.00 & 604.05.

#### Race/Ethnic Minority Concentration

A "racial or ethnic concentration" is any census tract where a racial or ethnic minority group makes up 10% or more of that group's citywide percentage. Data was taken from the 2019-2023 ACS 5-Year estimates. Due to the small sample size, only racial or ethnic groups making up at least 1% of the City's population were analyzed.

Black or African American, non-Hispanic: This group makes up 77.5% of the citywide population, and a census tract is considered a concentration if 87.5% of the population is part of this racial group. Six tracts in the central area of Lauderhill have a concentration: 603.02, 603.03, 603.04, 604.01, 604.02 and 604.04.

Asian, non-Hispanic: Approximately 1.3% of the City population identifies as Asian. A census tract is considered a concentration if 11.3% of the population is part of this racial group. There are no census tracts with a concentration.

Hispanic: Hispanics comprise 9.4% of the City's population, and a census tract is considered a concentration if 19.4% of the population is part of this ethnic group. There is one tract was a concentration: 603.06.

#### AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

#### Introduction

The following section outlines the actions that will be taken during PY 2025. These actions include the City's efforts to address obstacles faced by underserved communities, promote affordable housing, mitigate lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of families living in poverty, and enhance the institutional framework of the program. Additionally, there will be a focus on improving coordination among housing and community development agencies in Lauderhill.

#### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The activities outlined in the PY 2025 AAP aim to specifically address the needs of underserved communities in Lauderhill. The City will focus on improving facilities that benefit low- to moderate-income areas. These public facility enhancement projects will target public parks that serve residents in these income brackets. The City strives to benefit citizens throughout Lauderhill through these initiatives. Additionally, the City will allocate 15% of its PY 2025 funding to public services designed to support underserved groups within the community.

Access to safe and affordable housing is a significant need in the city. To address this issue, the city utilizes various funding sources, including CDBG, HOME, and SHIP. Through these programs, the city offers tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) to help prevent homelessness, provides purchasing assistance to promote homeownership, and supports owner-occupied rehabilitation to maintain the quality of the housing stock.

As the general lack of funds to address all identified needs in the City is the main obstacle in meeting underserved needs, the City will continue to explore additional funding sources to leverage its federal, state, and local resources.

#### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Lauderhill works closely with the Broward Continuum of Care and the Broward HOME Consortium in assisting the homeless by providing affordable housing units. The City continues to allocate CDBG, HOME and SHIP funds towards the owner-occupant rehabilitation, purchase assistance, and tenant based rental assistance (TBRA).

The City is actively engaged in housing rehabilitation activities to preserve affordable housing in Lauderhill. The owner-occupied rehabilitation program addresses issues such as correcting code enforcement violations, resolving health and safety concerns, and making necessary repairs to electrical and plumbing systems. Additionally, the program includes the repair or replacement of roofs, windows, doors, and air conditioning units. Services will primarily focus on eligible elderly households residing in the City. Furthermore, the City will continue to promote affordable housing through the ongoing implementation of approved incentives and strategies detailed in its Local Housing Assistance Plan.

The City has HOME funds from the Broward County HOME Consortium that will be used to provide purchase assistance, service delivery costs, and TBRA. The Purchase assistance will assist a minimum of

five (5) low to moderated-income potential homebuyers with a deferred forgivable loan to be applied towards down payment and/or closing costs, for the purchase of eligible housing, including single-family, townhomes, condominiums, or villas. TBRA funds are estimated to provide rental assistance to at least 10 low-income households that are at risk of homelessness. SHIP funds will also fund activities that develop and preserve the affordable housing stock in Lauderhill.

On February 26, 2024, the City adopted a resolution to implement the Live Local Act. This Act is a comprehensive workforce housing initiative aimed at increasing the availability of affordable housing options throughout Florida. Its primary objective is to help Florida's dedicated workforce live within the communities they serve. This groundbreaking legislation allocates historic levels of funding for workforce housing and introduces a variety of innovative programs, incentives, and opportunities. By reshaping Florida's housing strategy with a focus on improving accessibility to housing for everyone, the Act aims to create sustainable and affordable housing solutions that address the needs of the state's workforce.

#### Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City's strategy for addressing lead-based paint hazards includes proactive measures within its Home Repair and Purchase Assistance programs. Inspections are conducted to identify potential hazards, with trained inspectors employing EPA-compliant methods and safe practices for lead-based paint testing. This approach ensures that any identified hazards are managed on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with regulations for handling lead hazards. Notably, there were no hazards reported during this year.

For homes constructed before 1978 participating in CDBG and HOME programs, the City distributes EPA's Protect Your Home pamphlets to inform homeowners and buyers about lead hazards. Certified professionals conduct visual inspections, and detailed inspection reports are meticulously documented and stored in each client's file to maintain compliance with regulatory standards.

#### Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Public improvements in low- and moderate-income areas will help revitalize these neighborhoods and attract new public and private investments. Additionally, the City has an economic development and anti-poverty strategy aimed at fostering growth and job creation for low- and moderate-income households. The goal is to enhance job training, employment readiness skills, and educational opportunities for these households, while also aligning local job openings with the available workforce. One way to achieve this is through the collaboration established between the City and the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce.

The Community Redevelopment Agency supports local businesses and communities by providing specific programs aimed at revitalizing and enhancing the areas it serves. The City of Lauderhill has partnered with the OIC of South Florida (OIC-SFL), a nonprofit workforce development organization, to offer free Career Readiness Workshops to residents. These workshops cover various topics, including resume building, networking for job opportunities, and identifying ideal career paths. Additionally, the City collaborates with OIC to host quarterly job fairs, connecting job seekers with employment opportunities within Lauderhill.

The City's anti-poverty strategy will also include the Section 3 Policy, which will provide economic opportunities for the residents of the area. Activities that support and assist small business in target areas have the added bonus to address both the need and economically support the target population. The City will continue to support small business development through activities such as continuation of commercial rehabilitation, job incentives programs, technical assistance and business planning and marketing directed towards job creation.

#### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Lauderhill is committed to enhancing our instructional structure throughout the program year. The Grants Division staff will maintain open communication with several departments, including Administration, Finance, Public Works, Parks and Leisure Services, Building, Code Enforcement, Police, and Fire. Additionally, the City will work closely with the Lauderhill Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to address the housing needs of the community.

The City will continue to participate in the Broward County HOME Consortium and manage its existing State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. Additionally, the City aims to collaborate with local for-profit and non-profit organizations, lending institutions, public housing authorities, educational institutions, and other government agencies. These partnerships will help implement federal and state-funded programs and ensure the preservation, provision, and expansion of affordable housing opportunities for individuals with very low and low incomes. The Grants Division, under the guidance of the Finance Department, will serve as the lead department responsible for executing the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

# Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City of Lauderhill actively participates in County and City Committees that aim to coordinate efforts among public, private, and community-based organizations to expand affordable housing and promote economic development. This is achieved through research and program development initiatives that support joint ventures in community development between the public and private sectors. To improve its coordination efforts, the City will collaborate with various public and private housing and social services agencies, including the Broward County Continuum of Care, 211 Broward, the Broward County Housing Finance and Community Development Division, the Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency, and the Lauderhill Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Program Specific Requirements**

# AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4) Introduction

The following section identifies program-specific requirements for the CDBG Program in PY 2025. The City does not anticipate it will receive any program income as a result of program activities identified in the plan.

## Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next	
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	C
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to	)
address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has no	ot
been included in a prior statement or plan	C
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0
Other CDBG Requirements	
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that	
benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive	
period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum	
overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and	
moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 10	0.00%